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Autonomy talks 'make progress'

ALEXANDRIA, July 6 (Agencies) — Delegates to the tripartite Palestinian autonomy talks claimed success Friday in solving the procedural logjam that has stalled the negotiation's rhetoric since May.

"They arrived at a broad solution quicker than I thought they would," U.S. presidential envoy Robert Strauss said, adding confidently that he expected progress every six weeks or so.

But there seemed to be little progress on substantive issues in the two days of talks in this Mediterranean resort city where U.S., Egyptian and Israeli delegates gathered for their fourth round in a series of year-long negotiations.

Strauss, who engineered what he called a "breakthrough" in procedure by getting Egypt and Israel to agree in working groups on two specific issues, instead of an agenda formula, conceded:

Saud back from Rabat

RIYADH, July 6 (SPA) — Foreign Affairs Minister Prince Saud returned here Friday from Morocco where he represented the Kingdom at the meetings of the Jerusalem Committee which were chaired by King Hassan.

The committee was formed by a resolution of the conference of Islamic Foreign Ministers in May to draw up a plan for the liberation of the holy city from Israeli occupation.

Jordanian Minister of Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim told reporters in Amman that the committee had drawn up an integrated program to explain the status of Jerusalem to world public opinion, protect the holy places there, and support the resistance of the Arabs in the occupied territories.

Ibrahim said the representatives of 14 Islamic countries agreed to form a board for the Jerusalem Fund.

Delegations will also be sent out to consult with other countries — especially in the European Economic Community — to explain the Muslim rights to the city and advise them of Israeli attempts to Judaize it.

Jerusalem, with its Aqsa mosque, is the third holiest shrine in Islam, next to Mecca and Medina.

that "broad areas" of disagreement had not yet been taken up. "We have left nothing unresolved but there are many unresolved issues that we have not yet tackled," Strauss told the closing press conference.

These include Israeli settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the status of Arab Jerusalem and the final form of Palestinian autonomy would take.

In a joint communique, the three sides agreed they would assign working groups to discuss how to hold an election for the Palestinians living in occupied territories and what powers and responsibilities the elective council would have.

At the same time, the delegates agreed in the statement, discussion would continue on other issues and more subcommittees might be set up.

Three earlier meetings deadlocked on the question of an agenda and sharp exchanges took place between Egyptian and Israeli negotiators, casting gloom over the prospects for agreement.

Strauss, who joined the talks for the first time here with a mandate from U.S. President Jimmy Carter to get things moving, substituted the idea of working groups for a formal agenda.

Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil said the communique itself amounted to an agenda. Asked if the idea of an agenda had been abandoned, he told the news conference, "agenda? We have an agenda now." Asked if the communique itself was an agenda, he said "yes."

He said the six-member working groups would "allow us to structure the areas of agreement and the areas of disagreement" so that the full negotiating committee would not waste time.

The working groups are scheduled to meet within two weeks in Israel, but the exact date and place have not yet been decided.

Strauss, in briefing reporters after the news conference, said he expected progress in negotiations after every two or three meetings, every six weeks or so.

Visits Riyadh today
Strauss flies off to Jordan and Saudi Arabia Saturday for get-togethers with the leaders but said he did not expect the results here to change their minds about backing the Egyptian-Israeli peace effort.



IN JEDDAH, President Muammar Qaddafi (left) arrives at Jeddah airport Friday to perform lesser pilgrimage in Mecca. Prince Saud bin Abdulaziz Al Saud (right) and senior officials received the Libyan leader at the airport.

Qaddafi in Jeddah

JEDDAH, July 6 (SPA) — President Muammar Qaddafi of Libya arrived here Friday afternoon from Riyadh on his way to Mecca to perform the umra, (minor pilgrimage).

President Qaddafi who arrived in Riyadh Wednesday on an official visit was seen off at the airport by King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman, princes, ministers and dignitaries.

King Khalid and President Qaddafi have held three meetings. The two leaders also Friday prayed at the Masjid mosque in Riyadh. They were accompanied by Crown Prince Fahd and a number of princes, ministers and senior officials.

The talks were attended by Crown Prince Fahd, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khawali, and Saudi ambassador to Libya Sheikh Abdullah Al-Fadhl.

On the Libyan side they were attended by Member of the Command Council Al-Khawalidi Al-Humaidi, Assistant Secretary General of the People's Congress Muhammad Abu Al-Kassem Al-Zawi, Director of Liaison Abdul Majid Al-Qasbi, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Dr. Ali Al-Turabi, Municipal Secretary, Abu Zaid Omar Dordai, and the Libyan Ambassador Ahmad Qaid.

Qaddafi Tuesday visited the Ministry of Planning where he was received by Planning Minister Dr. Hisham Nazer who explained to him the goals of the Kingdom's five-year development plan and accomplishments made so far in Education, health services, roads, ports and airports. He was also briefed on the broad outlines of the country's projected petrochemical complex.

Arafat meets Kreisky in Vienna on Mideast

VIENNA, July 6 (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat arrived in Vienna Friday night for talks with Austrian Chancellor Dr. Bruno Kreisky and former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt on the Middle East situation, a government spokesman said.

Dr. Kreisky headed three fact-finding missions of the Socialist International in the Middle East in March 1974, February 1975 and is known to support the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in their demands for a Palestinian state.

Brandt, president of the Social-

ist International, is in Vienna, chairing a five-day session of the "North South commission" for promoting better understanding between industrialized and developing countries.

Arafat, chairman of the PLO, arrived in Sofia Thursday to thank the Bulgarian government for its support of the Palestinian cause.

Israeli attack southern Lebanon

In another development about 70 Israeli troops abducted two persons and blew up several houses in a cross-border raid in southern Lebanon Thursday night, the state-run Beirut radio said Friday.

The radio added that one person was killed in the attack against the village of Majdel Salem.

Local residents said earlier that Israeli-backed Lebanese militiamen had kidnapped four persons three of them Palestinians, and blown up five houses in a series of raids in the south in the past two days.

The right-wing militiamen who control a strategic belt of border territory, said Friday they had stepped up operations against Palestinian commandos and their Lebanese nationalist allies in the area.

Brown concludes 'Increase in forces desirable'

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown said Thursday night that "we clearly are leaning toward an increase in our security presence" in the Indian Ocean — the Gulf area.

"We arrived at a conclusion that some further increases are desirable," Brown said in an interview on the Public Broadcasting Service's MacNeil-Lehrer Report.

The United States defense chief said that such moves are under consideration, but did not elaborate.

Brown in effect confirmed reports that he and other senior advisers to President Jimmy Carter have made a series of recommendations for U.S. military increases in the oil-producing area. Such steps would have to be approved by the president.

Carter administration sources have reported that the key recommendations call for an increase of nine or two destroyers in the small, permanent U.S. Mideast force normally totalling three ships; more frequent cruises by major U.S. navy task forces, probably four rather than three a year as has been the pattern; and occasional flights of U.S. warplanes to friendly countries.

Brown noted that the United States has made a number of moves over the past six months which follow this pattern.

He described increases in U.S. military activities in that region as "a series of signals that we want to cooperate with our friends in that area."

He also said such military measures are "indications that we have vital interests in that area."

At one point, Brown said that "the United States would commit forces if we judged our vital interests were involved." But he declined to specify what those circumstances might be.

Brown said that, if necessary, "we could move some forces quite quickly, and they could fight when they got there."

He said that some fighter planes could be flown to the Gulf area in two or three days from a "go" order, that carriers could reach the sea from the Pacific in about ten days, and that "we could move some light ground forces in rather rapidly from various places," including the United States. He stressed that the much-publicized U.S. army's "unilateral corps" of about 110,000 men is "only a plan."

"We're not talking about an entirely new force," Brown said. "We've had capability to move forces quickly" to other possible crisis areas around the world beside Western Europe. In this connection, he mentioned northeast Asia, meaning South Korea.

Discussing the present oil crisis,

Brown said that it is "very much" a national security problem, which also threatens U.S. allies in Western Europe and the Far East.

However, he said that in the present crisis growing out of "reduced supplies" from the Gulf and steadily increasing prices "the military leverage that can be brought to bear is very small indeed."

Qatar however has warned that any disturbances in the Indian Ocean would be reflected on the world economic situation which would, in turn affect the growth rates of the developing countries.

Speaking at a United Nations conference of Indian Ocean, littoral and Gulf states, Qatar delegate Kassem Jamal said the states represented were extremely worried about the increasing military presence of the big powers in the region.

The conference is aiming at paving the way for a larger meeting to implement a 1971 U.N. delegation to maintain the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace.

Jamal said that the military presence of the two superpowers not only poses a threat of nuclear confrontation but is, in itself, an element of social and political destabilization in the region. He said his country would support any proposal to declare the region a nuclear-free zone.

In another development the new U.S. Marine Corps commandant says the all-volunteer approach to staffing the nation's military services is adequate for now, but that he foresees a need for resumption of the draft in the future.

Gen. Robert Barrow said his assessment is "driven by population trends, if nothing else."

Mexico boosts price

MEXICO CITY, July 6 (AP) — Mexico's government oil monopoly Pemex has raised the price of its crude oil by 32.2 per cent, to \$22.60 a barrel retroactive to July 1.

The company said the new price was reached with its client nations and reflected the recent oil price increase by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Mexico is not a member of OPEC.

The price for Mexican crude during the previous three months was \$17.10.

Mexico does not sell oil on the spot market, but reaches a price in

negotiations with its clients every three months.

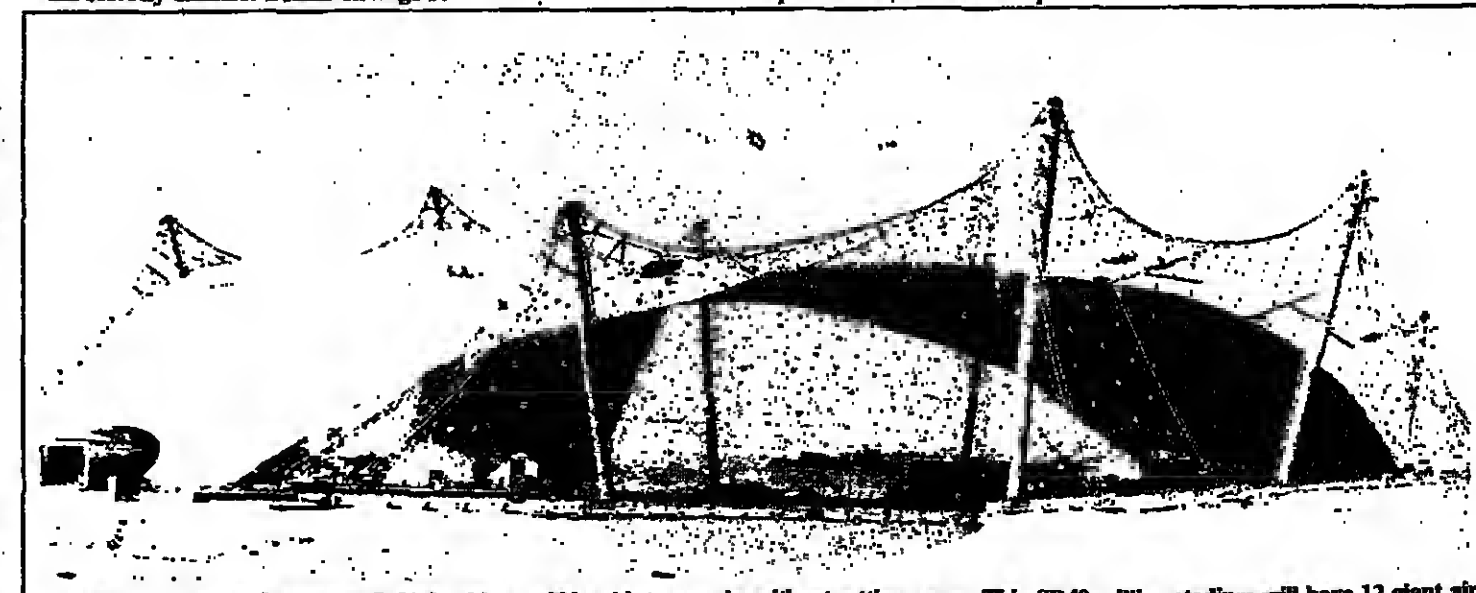
In the past it has always sold its oil for higher prices than OPEC. The United States, Israel, Spain and Japan are Mexico's main clients.

Mexico has become one of the world's main oil countries, with proven reserves of oil and natural gas equivalent listed at 40.1 billion barrels, probable reserves at 44.6 billion barrels and potential reserves at more than 200 billion barrels.

Mexico has been keeping a lid on its oil production to carefully control the influx of oil revenues.

Nayef arrives in Taipei

Interior Minister Prince Nayef arrived in Taipei Friday for talks with his Taiwanese counterpart on improving cooperation on internal security matters. Details on Page 2.



SPORTING: From September Jeddah athletes will be able to exercise without getting warm. This SR40 million stadium will have 12 giant air conditioners for its 9,000 square meters of floor area. Designed by Frei Otto, it is roofed by a membrane stretched over cables.

Liberia links relations with Israel to M.E. peace

MONROVIA, Liberia, July 6 (AP) — President William R. Tolbert Jr. of Liberia, soon to take over as chairman of the Organization of African Unity, has said he would not tolerate Arab moves to exclude Egypt from the forthcoming OAU summit.

But in an interview with the Associated Press, the Liberian leader said he does not favor black African countries reopening rela-

tions with Israel as long as the Middle East problem and particularly the Palestinian issue remain unresolved.

Tolbert, one of Africa's most moderate and Western-oriented leaders, will wield substantial influence in African affairs as OAU chairman for the next 12 months. He takes over from Sudan's President Jaafar Nimeiri when the African leaders assemble July 17 for their 16th summit conference.

Tolbert received this correspondent in his office in Monrovia's modernistic, Israeli-built executive mansion.

Asked about the announced intention of militant North African Arab leaders to demand Egypt's exclusion from the summit in reprisal for the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, Tolbert replied:

"Egypt is a member of the OAU and its head of state has every right to participate in the summit. I doubt that any member of the organization would venture to deny (that right) ... and I cannot conceive of the Organization of African Unity denying it."

Libya and Algeria have threatened to boycott the summit unless Egypt is barred. The Arab countries have excluded Egypt from the Arab League and the Islamic movement, and intend to press for similar action by the nonaligned summit due to meet in Havana, Cuba, in September.

Tolbert indicated that he disagreed with some prominent Liberian politicians who are pressing for a resumption of Israeli-Liberian ties following signature of the peace treaty. Liberia and most other black African countries broke with Israel following the October 1973 war, in solidarity with Egypt.

New electricity project to rid Riyadh of cutoffs

By Elias Haddad
JEDDAH, July 6 — The Ministry of Electricity and Industry and the American General Electric Company have signed a 742 million riyal power project agreement for Riyadh.

The project, to be completed in about two years, will supply the Saudi capital with additional 700mw of power daily.

The station, to be built on kilo 16 of Al Kharj Road, will bring an end to frequent power cutoffs in Riyadh.

General Electric was selected for the gas-powered project against tough competition from Mitsubishi and Toshiba of Japan and other international companies.

Tenders for the project had been invited four times with Mitsubishi submitting the lowest bid in the first three attempts. General Electric was chosen finally after slashing its price to six million riyals below that of the Japanese firm.

The former Riyadh General Electricity board had been subject to public and official complaints

for the frequent cuts in power, and King Khalid early this year had given orders to pursue the matter thoroughly.

A royal decree was issued later to set up a joint stock company called the Saudi United Electricity Company, in the Central Province.

The decree, which also dissolved the Riyadh General Electricity Board, granted the new company a 30-year concessionary period to supply power to consumers in Riyadh and Qasim.

The new company's capital was reported at five billion riyals, of which the government would contribute three billion in cash, in addition to the existing investment of the General Electricity Organization in the Saudi power companies and state loans granted to them.

The General Electricity Organization is state run and it builds plants and supplies power to remote areas where private investment is not feasible.

The ministry said that the capacity of the capital's generating facilities was not large enough.

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Elaborate airport greeting

Nayef in Taiwan for talks on security

TAIPEI, July 6 (Agencies) — Interior Minister Prince Nayef arrived here at the start of an official visit intended to promote greater cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Taiwan in internal security matters.

He was greeted at the airport by China's Deputy Prime Minister Hsu Chint-Ching in an elaborate airport reception complete with full military honors.

The highest official of the Saudi government to visit Taiwan since King Faisal's visit in 1971, Prince Nayef will meet government leaders and visit military and police establishments during his five-day stay. He will also receive an honorary doctorate from the National Chengchi University Wednesday.

The visit is significant in further

strengthening the already close relations between the two countries, which are cooperating in various economic, technological and medical fields. It follows a bilateral security agreement signed with Tunisia during Prince Nayef's visit recently.

In July 1977 former President

Yen Chia-ko visited Saudi Arabia.

Taiwan's ambassador to Saudi Arabia Yu-Chi hsueh said last week that his country hoped to cooperate with the Kingdom in security and to take advantage of Saudi Arabia's experience in

internal security.

Prince Nayef will hold talks with the president, vice-president, foreign and interior ministers, as well as the head of intelligence, on promoting cooperation. He is accompanied by a number of senior officials of his ministry.

Only in center

Riyadh land trading reportedly active

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, July 6 — Trading in Riyadh real estate remains active within the city limits but the headlong purchase of land on the outskirts has stagnated, according to the city's notary public.

The government's program of allotting plots of 400 square meters to low-income families is having a major impact on land prices on the outskirts of the city, Sheikh Fahd Al-Ossaimi, the notary says.

The statement follows reports from real estate agents of falling

land prices—a slump described as the worst to hit the capital's volatile land market since the temporary closing of the Real Estate Development Fund in 1977. The fund, which provides exceptionally cheap loans against land, remained closed for eight months after complaints of misuse of loans and worries about their inflationary impact.

The reports, published recently by "Al-Jazirah," quoted agents as saying that landowners were selling off property as there seemed no hope of the market regaining the buoyancy of 12 months ago.

In the short term, "Al-Jazirah" said, the completion of staff housing by several government departments and Riyadh University had vacated a large number of properties. In the long term, the prospect of a decline in the expatriate community promised in the Third Plan would inevitably reduce demand.

However, Sheikh Fahd said that trading was still active in the center and that the notary's office was under particular pressure at present because of the general desire to complete transactions before the school holidays — when vast numbers of Riyadh residents go abroad.

The allocations of land to the poor would also have a stimulating effect on the building trade.

With message

Djibouti premier arrives

JEDDAH, July 6 (SPA) — Prime Minister of Djibouti Barhad Gurrad Hamadu arrived



DAPPLED: A veiled shopper passes through patches of noontday sunlight in the suq of Hail.

Killed two brothers

Double slayer executed

HAIL, July 6 (SPA) — Saleh Mehdi Sudi Al-Matiri was executed here Friday for stealing money from and murdering two of his fellow-tribesmen.

The Ministry of the Interior issued a statement saying that on the night of June 19 the man murdered the two sons of Thamer Al-Matiri "in his greed to steal money from them."

Despite his efforts to conceal

the crime, the security authorities tracked him down. He confessed his crime before the court.

In compliance with Royal Order No. 5149, dated July 4, the criminal was executed here after the Friday prayer, "to pay for his crime," the statement said.

The Interior Ministry reiterated its determination to fight crime and to provide security to all people in the Kingdom, Saudis and foreigners alike, and to preserve this country as a peaceful place.

The Ministry declared its resolve to fight and eliminate crime and anything that is calculated to endanger the security of people in the Kingdom and disrupt the peace.

Palestine Cup

Kingdom to compete in volleyball tourney

RIYADH, July 6 (SPA) — The national volleyball team will take part in the third tournament for the Palestine Cup in Kuwait from Sept. 26 to Oct. 9.

It has also been decided that Saudi Arabia will send a delegation to the conference that is to draw up rules for the International Cyclists' Union, to be held in Amsterdam from Aug. 30.

The Kingdom will be represented by Prince Bandar ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman, the chairman of the Arab Cyclists' Union, Dr. Khaled Al-Turki, the union's general secretary, Abdul Rahman Ulaif, its chief accountant, and Muhammad Khaled Al-Samam, the union's technical committee secretary.

It has also been announced that the General Presidency of Youth Welfare is to found a club for the deaf, proposed by Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, the president of youth welfare. The presidency is to provide the club with a headquarters and financial assistance.

Youth

RABAT, July 6 (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of Youth Welfare, attended a ceremony Thursday at which Crown Prince Muhammad of Morocco, deputizing for King Hassan, opened the fourth Arab Youth Festival here.

Delegates from 21 Arab states, including Saudi Arabia, are attending the festival, and a number of other youth and sports ministers were at the ceremony.

In a welcoming speech, Arab



Prince Faisal ibn Fahd

League Assistant Secretary-General Asad Al-Asad stressed the importance of the rally in today's difficult circumstances. The Arab nation had successfully, he said, faced Zionist threats when it showed its unity and determination at the recent Baghdad and Tunis conferences.

The two Baghdad conferences followed the Camp David agreements last year and the signing of a separate peace treaty between Israel and Egypt in March. They agreed on sanctions to be taken against Egypt for the action. The Tunis meeting, held last week, transferred the Arab League's headquarters there from Cairo.

Asad spoke of the role the Arab League played in serving Arab youth and said that young Arab men bore a colossal responsibility towards the fulfillment of the Arab world's aspirations.

Fewer beggars in Taif

TAIF, July 6 (SPA) — There are now considerably fewer beggars in Taif, according to the annual report of the Beggary Combat Office here. During 1978 and 1979 121 beggars were recorded, compared with 139 in the previous year, 179 in 1976 to 1977 and 367 during the year before that.

Envoy Shaer sees Butros

BEIRUT, July 6 (SPA) — Saudi Ambassador Sheikh Ali Al-Shaer had a meeting Thursday with Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros. Shaer was quoted as saying that the meeting covered matters of mutual interest and that the Kingdom was always prepared to participate in any collective Arab action towards a peaceful solution to the southern Lebanese problem.

Yemen premier meets SFD man

SANAA, July 6 (SPA) — Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghanl of North Yemen received the acting chairman of the Saudi Fund for Development, Dr. Khaled Al-Masoud here Thursday to discuss SR200 million of projects for water, sewage, electricity and grain silos financed by the fund.

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serves authentic Middle Eastern cuisine; The Le Vendome — the French Restaurant where dinner is served in candle lights and for which delicacies are specially flown in from Europe. They also visited the OASIS — the Coffee Shop which remains open 24 hours a day for snacks and hot and cold drinks. After the tour, the distinguished guests were treated to a sumptuous banquet by the hotel's management.

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Mohammed Al-Mojil (left) and Nicholas Khoury (right) accept bronze award plaque from C. P. Cousland.

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Africa ministers in Liberia to prepare for OAU summit

MONROVIA, Liberia July 6 (Agencies) — Ministers of some 50 African states started a 10-day meeting here Friday to prepare for one of the most critical African summit meetings in recent years.

The ministers are beset by dissonance over problems ranging from the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty to the four-year Sahara war.

The peace treaty itself threatens the Organization of African Unity (OAU) with the first split in its 20-year history between black Africa and a group of North African Arab countries.

Egypt's President Anwar Sadat is determined to attend the summit, set to open July 16, and high officials of Liberia, the host country, believe Arab moves to bar him will be voted down.

The decision could set a precedent for the nonaligned summit in Havana, Cuba in September.

"The forthcoming summit will determine the entire future of the OAU," a senior OAU official said.

Sadat has announced he will come here — with some 150 security men. Following Egypt's exclusion from the Arab League

and the Islamic Movement, he regards it as vital to avert similar action by the OAU, Egyptian sources said.

They said Sadat intends to urge the summit to approve the idea of a pan-African force to police observance of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in the Sinai Desert, an idea vehemently opposed by many Arab states.

Such a force would replace the present U.N. Emergency Force in Sinai if, as expected, the Soviet Union vetoes continuation of a U.N. presence in the scheduled Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

Earlier Thursday night a delegation from the Polisario Front guerrilla movement arrived in Monrovia to lobby support against Morocco and Mauritania at the OAU conference.

Two rival delegations from Chad have also flown in, each seeking backing for its own side in a five-month civil war.

These are two of the issues facing the ministers.

The principles of respect for existing borders and non-intervention, both enshrined in the OAU's founding charter, will also come up for discussion following Uganda's abortive invasion of Tanzania, and the subsequent overthrow of Idi Amin by Tanzanian-backed forces.

Zimbabwe, Rhodesia will also be high on the agenda.



Former Algerian President Ahmad Ben Bella

Ex-Algeria president

Ben Bella released

ALGIERS, July 6 (Agencies) — Former President of Algeria Ahmad Ben Bella has been released by order of President Benjedid Chadli it was announced here.

The release coincided with the country's 17th anniversary of independence from French rule.

Ben Bella was overthrown in 1965 after a bloodless coup led by the late President Houari Boumedienne who placed him under house arrest.

Informed sources said Ben Bella, a founder of the National Liberation Front (FLN) which waged an eight-year guerrilla war against French rule, was free to

resume political activity but was not expected to do so.

The front is now Algeria's only political party.

Ben Bella's release is regarded as a sign that President Chadli is confident that he is in full control. He was elected earlier this year to replace Boumedienne who died last December.

A correspondent reported that journalists were being turned away from the smart one-story villa in M'Sila where the former president lives.

"Ben Bella is tired and will not see any newsmen for several weeks," he was told by a man outside who described himself as a friend of the family.

U.S. urged to provide gas to U.N. diplomats

UNITED NATIONS, July 6 (R) — Iraq has led a call on the United States to provide special gasoline supplies for U.N. diplomats to spare them long waits at filling stations.

Iraq's deputy permanent representative, Saib, Bafi, Thursday told the U.N. committee on relations with the host country that the fuel shortage was disrupting diplomatic work.

"Only the other day three of our diplomatic officers had to wait four hours each in the line, from 6.30 in the morning, to get some gas in their tanks," he said.

"It was the responsibility of the U.S., as the host country, to make arrangements to provide gasoline."

Bafi said this could be done either by setting aside one or more gasoline stations exclusively for diplomats, or by enabling them to fill up at a pump which already serves the U.N. secretariat's own vehicles.

The Iraqi call was backed by Spain and several other countries.

Khomeini aide denies reports on sending people to kill Shah

LONDON, July 6 (R) — An aide of the Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini has denied that the country's Islamic authorities had sent out people to assassinate or capture the ousted Shah of Iran.

Reports that government-backed para-military groups were pursuing the Shah now in Mexico, were being circulated by people who did not hold any responsible position in the administration in Tehran, Ayatollah Hossein Nouri told a news conference here Thursday.

But he said the Shah had committed serious crimes against the Iranian people and Islamic law requires that all criminals should be pursued and brought to justice. It was for the government to decide what action to take.

Nouri said he was on a tour of Europe on behalf of Khomeini to study the problems of the overseas Iranian community, particularly students, and clear misconceptions in the West about the Islamic authorities.

Answering questions, the religious leader also denied suggestions of differences between Khomeini and Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan.

Nouri accused the Western media of misrepresenting the human rights situation in Iran and denied that the government was persecuting religious minorities such as Jews.

The minorities had, in fact, benefited from the freedoms brought about the revolution which ousted the Shah, he said. He said the Western world had little to say when thousands of people were being killed, tortured or exiled under the Shah, but had made much of the few hundred people executed by the Islamic authorities after being found guilty of crimes against the people.

He also denied that Iranian Jewish leader Habib Hanian was executed in May because he was a Jew and said he was an Israeli spy who had also collected huge sums of money for the Jewish state.

Atiyah family convention attracting 1,000 in U.S.

By a Staff Writer
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 6 — As many as 1,000 Arab Americans gathered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on July 5 to attend the 52nd annual convention of the Atiyah Benevolent Society, a family organization that traces its roots back over 1,500 years.

The three-day convention of the Atiyah clan will feature entertainment, heritage presentations, Arabic-style parties and appearances by prominent political and diplomatic figures.

Lebanon's Ambassador to the United States Khalil Itani, Iowa Governor Robert Ray, and National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) President Joanne McKenna were scheduled to attend the reunion.

There are an estimated 1,200 members of the Atiyah clan in the United States and some 800 in Latin America, according to family sources.

The Atiyah family traces its origins back to the Bani Atiyah tribe in fourth-century Yemen. Descendants are now widespread throughout the Arab world, particularly in Lebanon and Syria.

Convicted assassin of RFK

Is Sirhan a political prisoner?

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 6 — Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, convicted assassin of Robert Kennedy, is a "political prisoner" according to Dr. M.T. Mehdi, president of the American-Arab Relations Committee and the executive editor of "Action," a weekly magazine.

In a statement to the press and in an editorial in "Action," Dr. Mehdi admits that "Sirhan is legally guilty" but he maintains that "Robert Kennedy was morally guilty." In the primary elections of 1968 Kennedy advocated sending 50 Phantom jets to Israel and was "responsible for the escalation of the arms race" in the Middle East.

Sirhan's decision to kill Kennedy was a "political act," Dr. Mehdi maintains, "even though the violence resulting from that act was a crime and must be condemned."

Following are excerpts from the "Action" editorial:

"On June 5, 1967, Israel launched its aggression against the Arab countries and in a swift six-day war it occupied the Sinai, Jerusalem, the West Bank of Jordan and the Golan Heights.

In the June primary election of 1968, Robert Kennedy, during a television debate with Eugene McCarthy, injected into the discussion his ideas that

the U.S. should send 50 Phantom jets to Israel. Kennedy, who was a dove on Vietnam, suddenly and unscrupulously became a hawk to help Israel military to occupy more Arab land and kill more Arab human beings. The affable and humanist Robert Kennedy was willing to kill 1,000 Arabs in order to get 1,000 Zionist Jewish votes.

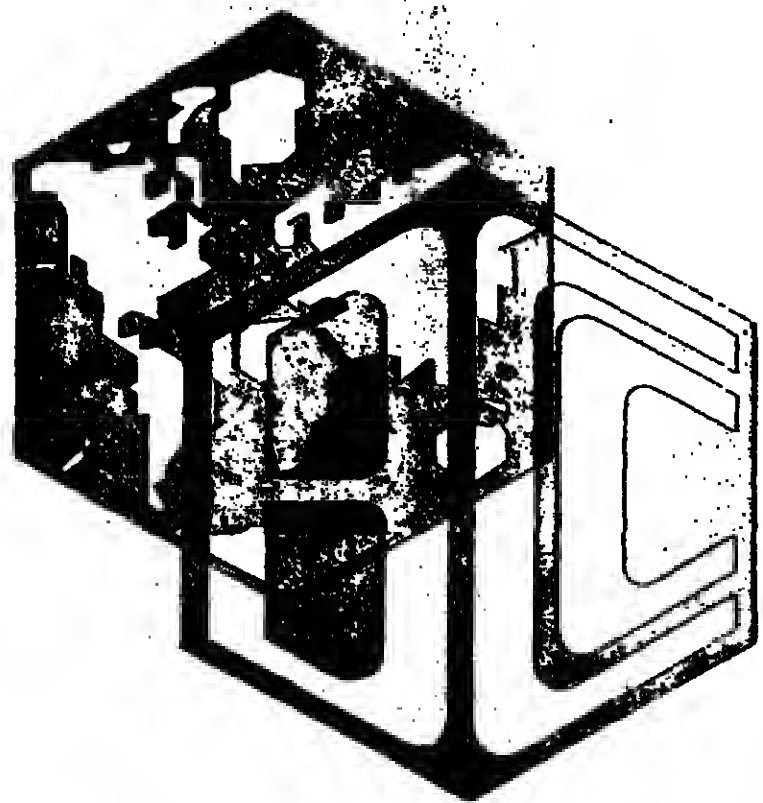
On June 5, 1968, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, reacting to Robert Kennedy's double standards and his disregard for the lives of Arab human beings, made a grave political decision and shot the New York senator.

Of course Sirhan was legally guilty and is paying the price for his act.

But Robert Kennedy was not blameless and was morally guilty for his active disregard for the human rights of the people of Palestine and his support of the Zionist occupiers of the land.

However, there is political discrimination against Sirhan today while he is serving his time. He has been denied parole by the California authorities even though he has been "a model prisoner" according to prison officials and despite recommendations by the psychologists who evaluated Sirhan.

"Sirhan should be paroled and returned to the Arab world."



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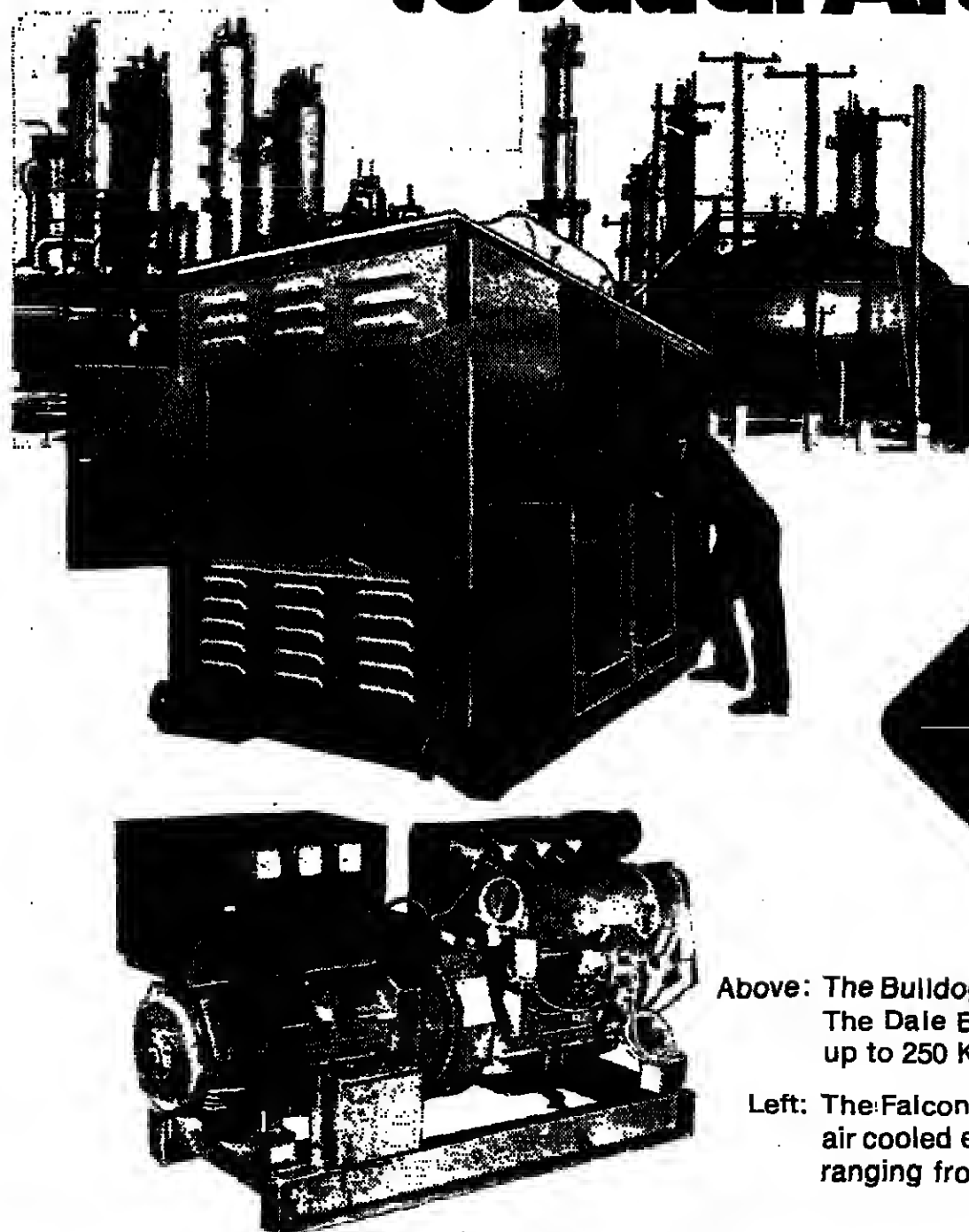
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"We will not accept any more"

Malaysia adamant against refugees

KUALA LUMPUR, July 6 (AP) — Malaysia said Friday it will continue to tow newly arriving Vietnamese refugees into the international waters of the South China Sea.

Prime Minister Hussein Onn told the annual general meeting of his United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), "Malaysia will not accept any more refugees." Malaysia and other countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will urge rich countries to take Vietnamese refugees from the camps in Asia.

There are about 300,000 of them.

Later Friday about 200 members of the UMNO's powerful youth wing staged a peaceful demonstration in front of the U.S. Embassy.

The group presented a memorandum to Ambassador Robert Miller accusing the United States of taking "lawyers, engineers and skilled people" from the 76,000 refugees now in Malaysia, and leaving the unskilled behind.

American and other diplomatic officials here said America had already committed itself to helping the refugees and the Youth Wing would have done better to protest at the Vietnamese Embassy.

One youth representative said that he was aware the United States is helping, but complained that it is not doing enough and is too selective.

The Youth Wing, which counts among its members those at the ministerial level, some of whom are over 40, recently asked that authorities be allowed to shoot at refugees trying to dodge patrol boats.

The prime minister has made it clear the government does not intend to shoot refugees, although it will tow new arrivals out to sea. Since his statement, made on June 18, more than 15,000 refugees in



NO MORE: Malaysian Home Minister Ghazali Shafie at his press conference last month, announcing his country's policy of refusing sanctuary to Vietnamese boat people.

80 boats have been turned away. Malaysia will attend the International Conference on Indochina refugees in Geneva on July 20, where it will ask Western nations to establish processing centers in their own territories.

ASEAN is likely to propose that Vietnam establish a processing center run by the UNHCR where host nations could directly process the established 1.2 million who wish to emigrate without burdening Southeast Asian countries.

Malaysia also wants Vietnam to take back those who are not chosen for resettlement, "without any conditions," Hussein said.

Western countries, including the United States, have already indicated they do not view the plan favorably. Vietnam, also

reluctant about to establish a refugee center, has said it will not take back any refugees.

The French hospital ship "Ile de Lumiere" was sent to the Pulau Bidong refugee camp near Kuala Trengganu in April to help the 42,000 Vietnamese refugees.

French Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Olivier Stirn, visited the ship Sunday and announced any refugee it picks up on the way to Singapore will be taken by France.

It is expected to pick up between 900 and 1,300 refugees during the journey, which will be extended to three days from the usual one to conduct a more thorough search.

The ship pulled out of Pulau Bidong, 320 kilometers northeast of here because a hospital there

staffed with four doctors is nearing completion and the boat's medical facilities are no longer needed.

The Red Cross announced the ship donated 72 beds, a delivery room, x-ray and laboratory equipment.

The ship will be refitted in Singapore and will leave for the Anambas groups of Indonesian islands in the South China Sea where there are some 35,000 Vietnamese refugees.

Stirn said any refugee picked up on the way to Anambas and back to Singapore will also be taken by France.

The Singapore government has been asked to allow the refugees to stay temporarily in Singapore until France can take them.

The Red Cross said during the first five months of this year 42,598 Vietnamese boat people landed to Malaysia pushing the country's refugee population from 48,800 to 73,487 at the end of May. Since then the figure has shot to more than 76,000.

During the first five months of this year 19,471 boat people were taken away by Western countries for permanent residence with the United States taking 11,907, Australia 3,400 and Canada 2,452.

Defection's

BANGKOK, July 6 (AP) — The Pol Pot regime claimed Friday that hundreds of pro-Vietnamese Cambodian soldiers had defected to its side and that such defections "increase every day."

The Voice of Democratic Kampuchea also claimed that last month its guerrilla forces had scored triumphs in the central and eastern provinces of Kompong Thom, Kompong Cham, Kompong Chhnang, Prey Veng and Svay Rieng.

"The Vietnamese have been chased from one village after another and grow weaker and weaker."

Friction appears to be growing between the Vietnamese troops in Cambodia and those of the new Cambodian government of President Heng Samrin. Defections have been reported by three sources in the northeastern province of Kratie.

The monsoon rains have also helped the Pol Pot side against the mechanized Vietnamese Army.

Arson suspected in Manila blaze which killed 8

MANILA, July 6 (AP) — Five members of the family of an Indian businessman and three Filipinos perished in a fire which destroyed a house in midtown Manila Friday. Two other people were reported in serious condition.

A car under repair burst into flames in a garage opposite the house's front door. The fire spread rapidly and trapped those in the house.

Colonel Domingo Reyes, deputy chief of the Manila Fire Department, said they suspected "foul play" in the pre-dawn fire.

Investigators said Harkishin "Bob" Nandani, general manager of the Avegon Industries Corp., was in the company factory when the fire broke out.

The official Philippine news agency identified the dead as Rita, wife of Nandani, their daughter Quiram and son Kamlis. Nandani's mother Sandra, 55, his sister Nime and three Filipino housemaids.

27 persons killed on vacation trip to Thailand park

BANGKOK, July 6 (AP) — Twenty-seven persons, mostly students, were killed and 75 others injured in an accident Thursday on their holiday trip, to a national park.

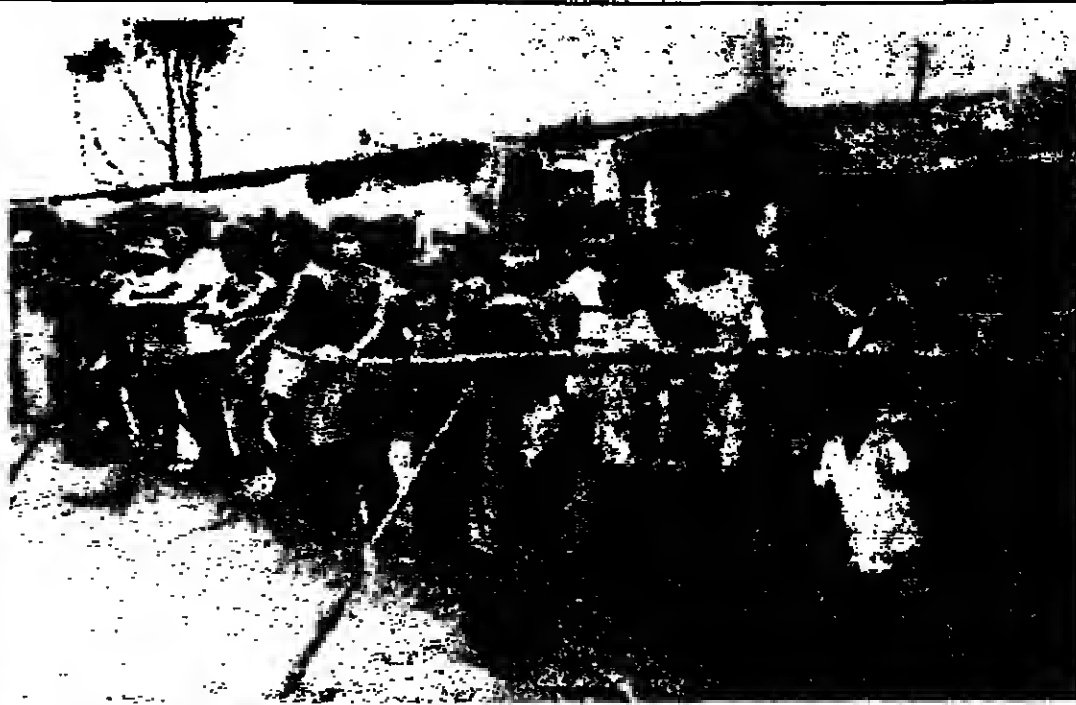
Twenty students, three teachers, and two bus conductors died on the spot after their bus rammed into the rear of a log lorry and was struck by another bus from behind.

A rescue team from the Highway Patrol rushed to the scene shortly after the accident and were able to take the injured from the wreckage to a nearby hospital.

The dead and the injured were part of a group of 200 students from two high schools in northeastern Thailand who were on their way to the Khan Yai National Park.

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INTERINED: Vietnamese refugees at a Malaysian camp gaze over a fence which keeps them in and the world out. Special passes are required to enter the camp.

After 20 years of confusion Peking revamps criminal code

PEKING, July 6 (AP) — The People's Republic of China Friday published its first criminal law code, one which carefully defines counter-revolutionary offenses and gives its citizens greater human rights protection than ever before.

Approved July 5 by the National People's Congress, it contains eight major chapters and 192 articles covering crimes ranging from espionage to hijacking. It goes into effect Jan. 1, 1980.

The reforms and a law regulating joint ventures with foreign countries represent an effort to modernize China's institutions after two decades of confusion, lawlessness and international isolation.

A series of Chinese constitutions have specifically guaranteed the rights of the citizens, but political warfare within the ruling Chinese communist party turned them into dead letters. During the 1966-69 Cultural Revolution, in particular, hundreds of thousands of people were imprisoned on trumped up charges without trial or the right to appeal.

The new laws were drawn up by survivors of that period who do not want to see it happen again. The code retains the death penalty but it is to be invoked only for "heinous" crimes such as murder

and treason and will not be carried out against those under 18 or pregnant women.

In most cases, the sentence will be postponed for two years. If in that time the criminal repents his sentence may be commuted to life or less.

Many of the victims of the Cultural Revolution were punished for counter-revolutionary

offences, a term seldom defined and capable of wide interpretation.

One law provides for punishment of Chinese abroad who commit counter-revolutionary acts regardless of whether there has been a trial in another country. Another would permit China to try any foreigner who commits a crime while he is abroad.

Attack on Haig blamed on German terror group

Hamburg, July 6 (R) — West German security experts believe German extremists carried out last month's bomb attack on the then NATO Commander General Alexander Haig and fear they might try to kill Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, the newspaper "Bild Zeitung" said Friday.

Hamburg Internal Affairs Minister Werner Staack and his security teams reckon the earlier official view that German extremists played no more than a supporting role in the attack 10 days ago was mistaken, the mass circulation paper said.

The security experts now fear that a similar attack on Federal

Prosecutor Kurt Remann, Federal Police Chief Herold "but particularly Chancellor Schmidt" could be assaulted at any time.

"The attack shows again how high the German terrorists have set their sights and that their ability to carry out these attacks is unbroken."

General Haig escaped injury when a remotely-controlled bomb exploded under a bridge just after his car was driven past the spot at Casteau in Belgium. Three bodyguards were injured in a follow-up car.

The Red Army Faction claimed responsibility for the bombing in a letter to the "Frankfurter Rundschau" newspaper.

America's first envoy slips into Rhodesia

SALISBURY, July 6 (AP) — The first American diplomat to be stationed here under the Muzorewa government arrived Thursday night unobtrusively and unannounced.

"I don't want to make any gigantic splash," said Jeffrey Davidow, unofficial U.S. envoy to Rhodesia.

"I'm pleased to be here but I want to keep a low profile." He refused to be photographed.

The United States along with all other Nations member states does not recognize the five-week-old government of Zimbabwe Rhodesia's first black Prime Minister Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

Davidow plans to "meet all sorts of people" but he was unable to say whether he would see Muzorewa before the prime minister leaves Sunday for a visit to the United States.

Muzorewa hopes to meet President Carter in Washington next week to press his case for recognition and the removal of trade sanctions, imposed after Smith's government broke from Britain in a 1965 unilateral declaration of independence (UDI).

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has already agreed to meet the bishop.

Muzorewa will then go to London.

Davidow said he would stay in a hotel. He will not be moving into the mansion that was the last American consul-general's residence and still belongs to the U.S. government.

The residence, at 35 Argyle Drive, has been leased to various tenants since the consulate general was closed down and all American diplomats withdrawal from Salisbury after UDI.

Salisbury's Foreign Minister David Muzorewa left for Washington Thursday to pave the way for Muzorewa's first visit to the United States since becoming prime minister.

Mukome, accompanied by George Smith, the white secretary-designate of the cabinet, left Salisbury for Washington jeered by some 100 black students.

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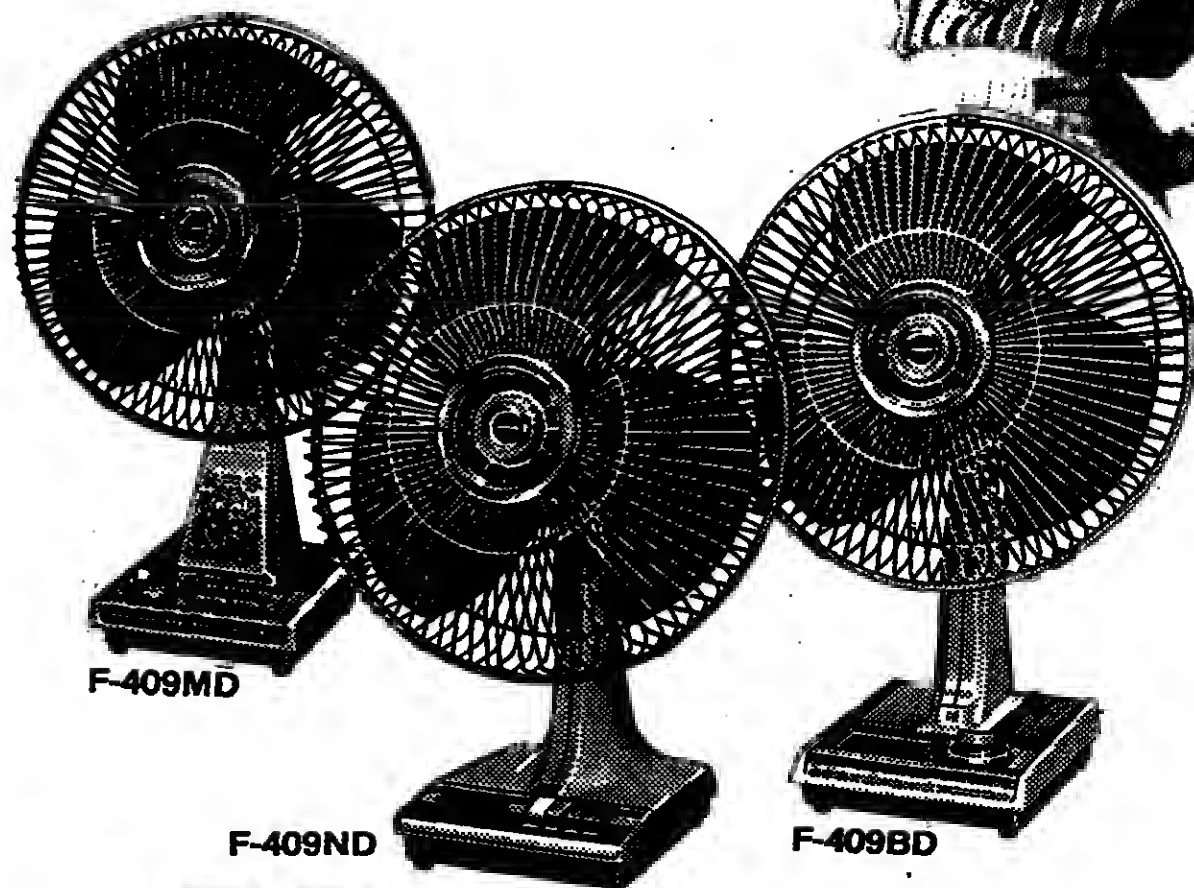
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Queen hears island petitions at opening of Manx assembly

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man July 6 (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II opened the 1,000-year-old Isle of Man Parliament Thursday and was asked to redress grievances ranging from sales tax to the burning of the birch.

At the foot of a fir-covered hill where the Manx used to roll "witches" in spiked barrels, the Queen presided at the 1,000th Annual Meeting of the Tynwald to give her royal assent to laws covering such things as rabies prevention and pub hours.

After the laws of this self-governing dependency of Britain were read in Manx, a form of Gaelic, and English, the Queen addressed the crowd of around

9,000 in her capacity as the Lord of Man.

"If any persons wish to present a petition for redress, let them come forward now."

Among the handful of petitioners who stepped forward was Mrs. Peggy Irving, who wants to halt the ban on birching handed down by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, on April 25, 1978.

Mrs. Irving, who wants birching as a punishment for offenders over 21, claims many people among the island's population of 63,000 are "terribly concerned" about reports of increasing violence since the birch was banned.

"The general feeling is that violent crime is getting out of hand."

Last year Mrs. Irving petitioned the Tynwald founded by Viking settlers, to hold a referendum on birching after getting 33,000 Manxmen to sign a petition asking that it be reinstated.

The birch has not been used on the island since the Strasbourg ruling. The court's action ended six years of litigation started by a 15-year-old schoolboy flogged for assaulting an upperclassman.

The Isle of Man, is under the jurisdiction of the Home Office but London traditionally has allowed inhabitants to govern themselves under laws voted by the Tynwald, one of the oldest in Europe.

Other petitions included a protest against the Conservative government raising value added tax, or VAT to 15 per cent. Another voiced fears about radiation from the Windscale nuclear power plant, just 65 kilometers across the Irish Sea.

The Manx National Party wants the Tynwald to end the island's common taxation arrangement with Britain and abolish VAT on the island and on boats and planes between the island and the mainland.

The petitions were handed to the clerk of the parliament at the foot of the hill. He climbed the steep stairs to the top to hand them to the Queen.



The Queen

Disguised Irish guerrilla describes Neave's killing

LONDON, July 6 (AP) — An Irish terrorist group which claims responsibility for assassinating Airey Neave says he was killed because "he was about to become head of the British occupation forces."

A member of the so-called Irish National Liberation Army was interviewed on the BBC's "Tonight" show.

Disguised

The man, who was not named, was interviewed in a Dublin hotel room, the BBC said, and wore dark glasses, a false mustache, a wig and surgical gloves to avoid leaving fingerprints. His back was to the camera.

Neave was expected to be named Northern Ireland secretary in the Conservative government of Margaret Thatcher which came to power in the May 3 election. He was killed March 30 when a bomb planted in his car went off as he was leaving an underground parking garage at the House of Commons.

Target

The INLA terrorist said Roy Mason, Ulster secretary in the Labor government, was the group's original target.

"But the decision was taken to execute Mr. Neave when it became obvious that there would be a Tory government. It was carried out by an active service unit, but we are not prepared to say where it came from."

The man maintained the INLA claim that guerrillas breached security at the Palace of Westminster to plant the bomb in Neave's car. He did not believe the act had been greeted with widespread revulsion.

No Marches

"There were no examples of revulsion except in the British ruling classes. We did not see thousands of working people marching in the streets angry at his death. Mr. Neave was not a civilian. He was about to become the head of the British occupation



Rod Steiger... convincing actor

Rod Steiger's wife loses bid to divide his fortune

LOS ANGELES, July 6 (AP) — Sherry Steiger waived her rights to any of actor Rod Steiger's fortune when she signed a prenuptial agreement, a judge ruled Thursday.

Superior Court Judge Harry Shafer said, in granting the couple a divorce, he "just can't buy her position" that she did not understand what she was signing one month before she and Steiger married in 1973. He ruled the prenuptial contract valid.

But in granting the interlocutory dissolution of marriage, which does not become final until September, Shafer ordered Steiger to pay his wife temporary support through September.

He said she has already received \$2,000 and ordered Steiger to pay her \$2,400 immediately, \$4,000 in August and \$4,000 in September. Mrs. Steiger, a race-track handicapper, had sought \$7,575 a month support for herself and her six horses. The couple had no children.

The parties were expected to come to court again to discuss permanent support arrangements after the divorce becomes final.

Mrs. Steiger testified she did not understand that by signing the document she waived all rights to Steiger's property and earnings.

She said she waited until wedding invitations were sent out, then gave her the ultimatum of signing or calling off the marriage.

The judge said he felt it was "ill-advised" for Steiger to engage his own law firm to advise his bride-to-be on the agreement, but he said it was not sufficient conflict of interest to invalidate the agreement.

Shafer said he was convinced that "at the time she signed this

agreement she intended it to be effective."

Mrs. Steiger said after the decision: "my husband is a very convincing actor. That's all I have to say."

Steiger said, "I'm glad that I wasn't made out to be a liar, because I'm not."

The judge's ruling made it virtually impossible for Mrs. Steiger to sue for community property unless she appeals the decision. Her attorney did not immediately say whether she will appeal.

Thursday's ruling leaves unresolved a suit Mrs. Steiger has filed asking for half the actor's assets acquired during the two years they lived together before they were married. No date has been set for a hearing on that suit.

She contended that Steiger earned \$600,000 a year and also asked for \$1 million for domestic and business services she provided over the two years.

Ransomed bankers fly to U.K. after months of jungle captivity

HOUSTON, July 6 (R) — A Concorde flight Friday to homes and children unseen for almost a year ended the kidnap saga of bankers Ian Massie and Michael Chatterton.

The two executives, manager and assistant manager for Lloyds Bank International (LBI) in San Salvador, were kidnapped by left wing guerrillas last November 30.

After 214 days and nights in a series of "people's prisons," guarded by masked guerrillas armed with automatic weapons, they were freed on Monday after a ransom was paid by the bank.

Lloyds has refused to confirm, or deny reports that the ransom totalled eight or \$10 million.

Massie and Chatterton have spent three days in Houston with their wives, eating steak, having medical checks and enjoying what Chatterton described as the feeling of being "born again."

The two fly from Dallas by Concorde to London for reunion with their children — the Massies have three, the Chattertons, two — and other relatives.

The children have been in boarding school since the two men went to El Salvador just over three months before they were kidnapped.

For Massie and wife Shelia, joy will be tinged with sadness. Massie's father died towards the end of the period he was captive.

Massie held his head in his hands and looked near to tears during a news conference Thursday, when he said one thing he held against the guerrillas was that "I would have liked to have seen my father before he died."

That was one of the few melan-



(AP photo)

FREE: American businessman William Niehaus was rescued from his Venezuelan captors at the end of last month when soldiers looking for cattle rustler stumbled on the guerrilla hideout in the jungle.

choly notes during a question and answer session in which Massie, 46, from Edinburgh, and Chatterton, 45, from London, both said they had been well treated by their captors, whom they described as young, dedicated, and well organized.

They said their main enemy was boredom and they staked a claim for a place in the Guinness Book of Records by playing a gin rummy game which lasted more than six months.

Both men said they were ready to return to work and would be happy to go back to Latin America — "but not El Salvador" — but LBI executive director Guy Huntrods, presiding at the press conference, said they would have a good long holiday first.

Government challenged

Indira wins delay of special court trial

NEW DELHI, July 6 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on Thursday challenged the legality of special courts established to prosecute her and won a seven-day delay in proceedings.

The Calcutta High Court ordered a one-week stay of special court criminal proceedings against Mrs. Gandhi.

The order was in response to a constitutional petition filed at Calcutta by Mrs. Gandhi's lawyer

challenging the legal validity of an Act of Parliament, under which special courts were recently set up to hasten prosecution of cases arising from the state of emergency. Suhraat Roy Choudhury, Indira's attorney, contended the act clearly violated the principle of equality under the law and was unconstitutional.

The high court ordered the government to demonstrate why the act should not be struck down.

The government can appeal to the Supreme Court against the stay.

Mrs. Gandhi was ordered last week by a New Delhi special court judge to appear before him July 9 in a criminal conspiracy case.

Mrs. Gandhi and two of her former aides are charged with criminally conspiring for the arrest of four officials investigating her son Sanjay's car company.

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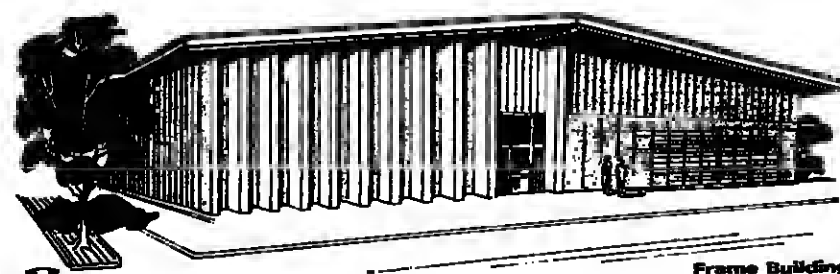
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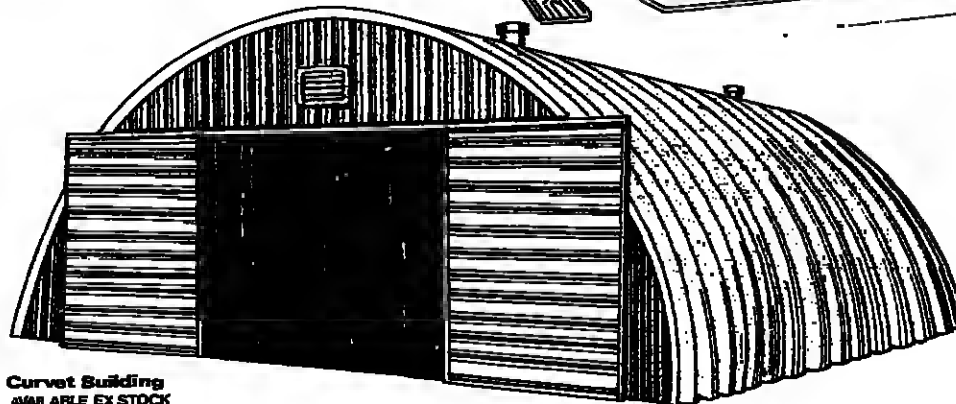
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Oil pressure causing change in American policies

By Jim Klarfeld
WASHINGTON —

The United States' dependence on foreign oil is forcing the Carter administration to modify its foreign policy from the Mideast to Southern Africa to Mexico.

The most recent illustration came when Under Secretary of State David Newsom, who ranks third in the State Department, made a two-day visit to Libya. That nation is now the fourth-largest exporter of oil to the United States, supplying approximately 11.5 per cent of U.S. imported oil. Newsom was the highest-ranking official to visit Libya since Muammar Qaddafi established his government there.

"There was a discussion of issues of mutual interest to the United States and Libya," a State Department official said. "The trip was arranged at the request of the Libyans. We went because we are interested in having a harmonious relationship with Libya."

Libya totally opposes the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. Libyans recently fought to save the government of Idi Amin in Uganda. And Qaddafi is a bitter enemy of Egypt's Anwar Sadat, now America's closest Arab ally.

The Libyans asked for the meeting, state

Department officials said, because they are interested in completing the purchase of eight C-130 military transport planes and three Boeing 747s. The United States initially agreed to the sale but then denied an export license because of Libya's uncooperative policies. In a "Newsweek" magazine interview just days before Newsom arrived in Libya, Qaddafi threatened to cut back on his oil shipments if the U.S. embargo was not lifted.

State Department officials said Newsom made it clear to the Libyans that the United States is not prepared to lift the embargo. Department sources say, however, that the possibility of lifting the embargo on the 747s is being discussed.

The fact that an official as high as Newsom went to Libya indicates how sensitive the relationship is, no matter how much Libya opposes American policies and principles in the Mideast.

"There is no doubt that the oil dependency affects our policy — it opens doors that would not be open otherwise," one high-ranking State Department official said recently. "It is just a matter of reality that we have to deal with. They have the oil, and we are interested in a harmonious relationship." The United States depends on imported oil for approximately 50 per cent of its total consumption.

Declaration of Independence : Europe's Middle East policy

By John Palmer

LUXEMBOURG —

The governments of the Common Market have launched Middle East policies which are increasingly independent of the line followed by the Carter administration and which directly criticize Israeli policy. After the first public criticism of current Israeli policy on settlements made by EEC foreign ministers in Paris June 18, the community is also involved in a diplomatic row with the Israelis over the siting of its official offices in Tel Aviv.

There has been growing dissatisfaction in Western Europe for some months at the evolution of the Middle East situation since the Camp David agreement. And there is an emerging consensus among the Nine that the time is ripe for the community to play a more positive role in the area to encourage wider peace negotiations between the Arab states and Israel.

One EEC minister was heard to say after a recent meeting, "I believe we are getting to the stage when the community will be able to play a much more interesting role in the Middle East." He agreed that most, if not yet all, the governments of the Common Market believed that the EEC were in favor of greater official recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

For the time, the Paris meeting of EEC foreign ministers specially condemned Israel's establishment of settlements in occupied Arab lands as "illegal" under international law. And the president of the EEC Council of Ministers, Jean Francois-Poncet, the French Foreign Minister, described recent Israeli decisions and statements as "obstacles to the search for a global settlement."

Meanwhile the ministers have reiterated there must be Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territory, including by implication

West Jerusalem. This latter development gives added point to the conflict between Israel and the EEC over the siting of its official representation which is at present in Tel Aviv and which the Israelis want moved to Jerusalem.

EEC Commission officials are angered at Israeli threats that unless their offices are moved to Jerusalem, community emissaries may be denied normal diplomatic privileges. The commission knows full well that to accede to Israeli pressure would be to risk Arab wrath by effectively recognizing Israel's claims to permanent control of Jerusalem.

Although the Nine are agreed on the question of the occupied territories and the illegal Israeli settlements, there is still some hesitation, notable by Holland, at moves towards greater recognition of the PLO. But the majority of EEC governments believe this will be essential if Saudi Arabia and Jordan are ever to be persuaded to take part in talks about a wider Middle East settlement.

When the West German Foreign Minister, Hans Dietrich Genscher, flew to Saudi Arabia after the Common Market Strasbourg summit two weeks ago it was widely assumed he would try and assess the Arab reaction to any future moves to widen the Middle East negotiations. At the same time the Nine are anxious not to take any Middle East initiative which, by upsetting the Arab states, could further worsen the already serious oil supply situation in Europe.

Community diplomats stress that no one wants to move in a direction which could create problems for President Jimmy Carter or the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations. But, at the same time, the EEC wants to establish the fact in Arab minds that the European community has its own interests and its own view of the Middle East crisis which are not necessarily identical with those of the U.S. and should be judged on their own merits. — (GUARDIAN)

AN IGNORED FACT

The perseverance of the United States in its attempts to create a PLO substitute is nothing short of amazing, and a total waste of goodwill and efforts.

Despite the rumored "softening" of Washington's attitude toward the Palestine Liberation Organization, Robert Strauss, the American envoy to the Egyptian-Israeli talks on Palestinian self-rule has rated the prospects of a dialogue with the PLO "somewhere between slim and zero," and boasted that he has held meetings with Palestinian "representatives" on the West Bank "on more than one occasion" — presumably in the hope of recruiting some "docile" Palestinians to rubberstamp any eventual Israeli-Egyptian deal.

In pursuing such a course, the U.S. is continuing to ignore the most elementary facts, and despite its unquestionable interest in Middle East peace, is indirectly minimizing the chances of a settlement. Mr. Strauss, who is an undisputed expert on trade matters, is new to the Middle East puzzle and will be attempting to referee at a game he is not very familiar with its rules. The sooner the U.S. and Mr. Strauss realize that the PLO is an integral and indispensable player, the greater the chances of success. The position of the U.S. in the current talks on self-rule is appreciated by all Arabs, but it is sidestepping the important issue of Palestinian representation. Palestinians, including West Bankers, have chosen the PLO as their representatives, and all other Arabs have endorsed that choice. This is a fact that the U.S. cannot ignore. Sooner or later, this reality will impose itself on the peace process, and for the U.S. to fight the inevitable will only compound the problem.

It has been suggested that the U.S. is holding out in the belief that mutual friends would "deliver" the PLO to Washington. If such a belief exists, it would be a grave miscalculation because only the PLO is in a position to deliver itself, but for that, Washington must accept the Palestinian and Arab consensus and abandon its futile search for an alternative Palestinian representative.

Washington's "allergy" to the PLO is hardly justifiable, considering that the attitude is based on a Kissinger promise to Israel under entirely different circumstances. The Arabs, including the Palestinians, have come a long way in their attitude to Israel and its existence, and while there are few Arabs who endorse this imposed reality, they have learnt to live with it despite the numerous wars and tragedies. As the U.S. demands further realism from the Arabs in the search for peace, it is only appropriate that the Arabs demand — and receive — reciprocal realism from Washington. The contempt the U.S. continues to show toward the PLO is totally unjustifiable. It was not beneath the dignity of previous American administrations to deal face to face with enemies they dealt with on the battlefield in Korea and Vietnam, and the PLO has a very long way to go before it falls in Washington's "enemy" category.

U.S. oil shortage : Glut becomes a gasoline line

By J. P. Smith
WASHINGTON —

The nation's gasoline shortage, by far the severest in the world, has been aggravated by the oil industry and by a succession of misdirected policy decisions made by the Carter White House and Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger.

While it's hardly a comfort to millions of Americans waiting in gasoline lines daily across the country, the origins of the crunch preceded the Iranian shutdown last summer. In a sense, the shortage started with the oil glut.

Yes, the oil glut. Last year, months before the revolution that choked off Iranian exports, the U.S. oil industry, reeling from two years of weak prices and over-supplied markets, began drawing down inventories. Eventually oil and even gasoline inventories reached a point lower than they had been in years.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) had gone nearly two years without raising world oil prices, and inventories worldwide were brimful during the first half of 1978.

In the United States, however, major oil companies, upset at the prospect of continuing "soft" product prices, moved to tighten the market. They began a six-month drawdown in gasoline stocks.

By June, 1978, the nation's gasoline stocks had slipped to 219,660 from 272,287 barrels in January. That mark was the lowest for the nation's

gasoline stocks since August 1975, when they stood at 215,480 barrels. By comparison, in June 1977 gasoline stocks were at 256,446 barrels.

For the next five months of 1978, the major oil companies held gasoline inventories below the August, 1973, mark, at levels that oil analysts today concede were lower than the oil industry should have maintained.

Nevertheless, no note of alarm was raised by the Carter White House. Schlesinger or members of Congress, who today are given to hand-wringing over the gasoline squeeze.

The result was that the U.S. domestic gasoline market was primed for a squeeze before the Shah fell.

Meanwhile, another turnabout at the center of the world oil trade had taken place. The move by President Carter and Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement, and the Shah's fall from power, shifted — perhaps irrevocably — the attitudes of the critical Gulf producers and made them unwilling to produce sufficient crude oil to meet world needs and maintain stable oil prices.

The Gulf producers have enough untapped capacity to flood world markets.

The Gulf producers were moving on a conservationist track before the Israeli-Egyptian peace accords were signed, and the treaty-criticized by most Arab states, barded their resistance to expanding production.

Robert Anderson, chairman of Atlantic Richfield, says assurance of an additional 1.5 million to 2 million barrels a day on the world market would be enough to stabilize prices and supply.

After the first of the year, as it became evident Iran was becoming involved in a protracted revolution, the pace of events picked up dramatically. A succession of often-contradictory policies put in place by Schlesinger and the industry assured Americans of a disproportionate share of the world shortage.

Meanwhile, because of uncertainty over future imports, American industrial users began a massive stockpiling of petroleum products. Demand for oil products, which is a measure of withdrawals from oil company inventories rather than a measure of consumption, surged upward by 5.1 per cent in January and 3 per cent in February, compared to the same months in 1978.

Despite the January-February buildup, oil executives such as Amoco's Ted Eck say that actual consumption of gasoline was not sharply above 1978 levels in the months that followed.

The hoarding at the industry level, and later the topping off of motorists' tanks, has placed demands on the oil-supply system that would be difficult to meet even under normal circumstances.

Nevertheless, during the Iranian oil cutoff, which lasted through March, U.S. oil supplies and world oil production were higher than they were in 1978.

Then, in mid-March, 1979, as the new Iranian government began to export oil again, Schlesinger privately called on U.S. oil companies not to buy high-priced oil in the "spot" market.

The administration's rationale was grounded in fine intentions but guaranteed to ensure that the United States would have a smaller share of world oil supplies than other countries. The thought was that keeping domestic oil companies out of the spot market would hold prices down. It didn't work, and by late May, chafing from political heat over the gas lines, the White House called on Schlesinger to reverse his policy.

Still another Schlesinger policy that was subsequently modified was a call on refiners in April this year to reduce the output of gasoline to ensure adequate supplies of fuel oil for the winter. In recent weeks Schlesinger has called on the industry to maximize gasoline production.

The final and most controversial issue is refinery production. Critics have been saying for months that the administration should force refiners to increase output. Recently Schlesinger criticized the industry for reducing output from 87 per cent of capacity to 84.5 per cent in mid-June. Meanwhile, the industry has allowed its inventories of crude oil to rise from 322.6 million barrels to 350.2 million barrels over the same period. Industry spokesmen claim they are not holding back gasoline supplies. — (WP)

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Saudi newspapers Thursday and Friday led with the visit of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi to Saudi Arabia and highlighted his talks with King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd.

Commenting on the sustained Western and Israeli attacks on Pakistan because of allegations it is building a nuclear device, Al-Medina said, "those who believed that the old style imperialism is dead must be quite wrong when they see how much effort is being made to destroy the developing states and to prevent them from improving their lot."

"The Western media," said the paper "has of late been condemning Pakistan for developing its nuclear power and nearly accusing it of doing what they already believe is an immoral act. But they did not say half as much about Israel's own nuclear program although they know that has already made bombs and continues to do so."

Denouncing "lopsided morality in another part of the world," the paper, said the Western media did

"The Americans are the international power that can play a leading role in any peace effort in view of their strong strategic interest in the region," the paper said. "Such talks will help clear some of the problems that beset Palestinian American relations in the past."

"They should remove any American objections to dealing with the Palestinians and convince the latter that the U.S. can play a principal role in fulfilling their aspirations."

"If such reports of contacts are true," the paper said "then it is possible that a new situation has arisen which can mean a lot for the conflict in the region and should be viewed with cautious optimism."

In another commentary Al-Jazirah said it was "an irony of fate that Israel should talk about the plight of Vietnamese refugees and call for an international conference on them, when Israel was

itself responsible for the dispersal of one million Palestinians from their homeland and refuses to let them return home."

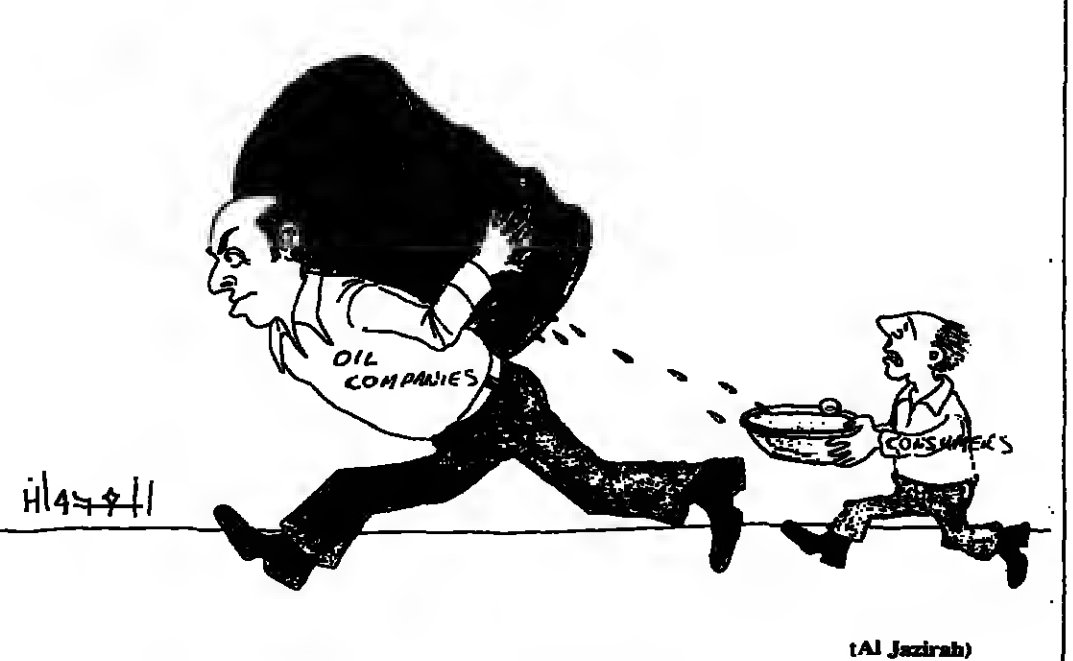
"At least the Vietnamese had the choice of either staying under the yoke of a regime that they did not like or going away," the paper said. "But the Palestinians had no such option. They were either killed, persecuted or expelled by force from their homes and farms. Israel knew that if it allowed the Palestinians to remain at home they would soon outnumber the Jewish settlers. And even that was not enough for Begin and his band, as they continue to bomb the surviving Palestinians out of existence in southern Lebanon."

According to Okaz Saudi political activity aims at finding the right way to meet the anticipated developments in the region at a time of escalating Israeli aggression. Such activity has succeeded to some extent in explaining the

Arab position to the rest of the world.

"We realize that the age of the gunboat and that of brinkmanship are gone," the paper said. "People are busy rebuilding their lives and they know that injustice and aggression will have to be undone by their victims."

In another editorial Okaz said that Israel is wrong if it believed that its merciless attacks on the Palestinians will soften them sufficiently to take part in the self-government negotiations. "These people will continue to resist and fight until they get back their rights and lands. They have already lost thousands of people and are quite willing to lose more in the pursuit of their ideals. The United States was reported to have warned Lebanon of a possible Israeli attack. Instead of warning Lebanon, the U.S. should have prevented the attack, and it can do so if it wished," the paper said.



(Al Jazirah)

Fez, timeless city of steep lanes and noble courtyards

FEZ, Morocco — To enter Fez is to step into another current of time, to be privileged to gaze at the life of a medieval city which has scarcely noticed the arrival of the 20th-century. It was entirely appropriate that the recent Islamic Conference should have been called in Fez, for Fez has always upheld the highest traditions of the dignity of Islam, especially through its famous university.

Guarded by its defensive walls, the position of the city is breathtaking. It lies in a saucer-shaped

ing alleyways (no cars or motors penetrate these narrow ways) is an exercise in adroitness. The crowds throng, the donkeys share the walking space, and worse, so do the mules. A shout will go up from behind, everyone jumps nimbly to one side, and the devil take the hindmost as the animals thrust past, loaded with goods and a couple of shouting lads.

It is a relief to leave the main arteries and step down steep little lanes where children play ball, or find yourself suddenly in some great trade courtyard.

In one of these, sheepskins were being treated. The fleeces were washed in huge butts while the upper storeys of the yard were densely festooned with drying fleeces, giving an almost festive effect. A famous sight in Fez is the quarter of the tanners. Here the skins are trodden in open vats of spectacular dyes, and the smell that hangs over all is equally spectacular. On the grassy slopes outside the walls the crimson skins spread out to dry look like an exotic crop.

Story and photos by Rosalind Ingrams

dip in the flanks of olive-grown hill country. A drive around the 15-kilometer circumference of the walls is as necessary a visit to the town. This is especially true when the golden light of early evening lies over the whitewashed city, with its green tiled roofs and tall minarets.

No graceless development has been allowed to clutter the outer circumference of the city: it can be seen in its original wholeness. Much credit goes to the French — notably Marshall Lyautey — who during their 40-odd years of rule took great trouble to preserve the character of the ancient cities of Morocco.

New building had to take place not less than one kilometer away from the old medina (as the old quarters are universally called here). In this way twin towns have grown up in many places, with new hotels, factories and other generally unsightly constructions well away from the centers of historic interest. The wonder is that the old towns did not flag economically from this artificial preservation in their own past. Their ancient traditions of fine craftsmanship seem to have kept them going.

The arts and crafts of Morocco are famous, for instance the leatherwork known simply as "Morocco". Fine books are "bound in Morocco". In addition there is weaving, spinning, carpetmaking, dyeing, ceramics and metalwork, to name only a few.

All these activities are pursued at full tilt in Fez. Never was there a busier city. To walk down its teem-

ing alleyways (no cars or motors penetrate these narrow ways) is an exercise in adroitness. The crowds throng, the donkeys share the walking space, and worse, so do the mules. A shout will go up from behind, everyone jumps nimbly to one side, and the devil take the hindmost as the animals thrust past, loaded with goods and a couple of shouting lads.

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As fascinating as the fine products on display in the souk are the humble stalls and activities. A barrowload of white mulberries, a bush of fresh rose petals scenting the air, a yogurt seller ladling the thin liquid into glasses, the man with small soup, the water sellers in their flamboyant costume of tasseled hat and bells, the mint merchant with his mint-laden donkey. Fresh green mint for tea is universally used in Morocco, and very refreshing it is too.

Vital as the life of trade is to the city, the life of religion is equally vital. Mosques, shrines, ablution fountains, old schools abound, perhaps more densely in Fez than in any other Islamic city. Because the visual perspective of the city is short and abrupt — there are few open spaces within its labyrinthine heart — the sudden presence of a great mosque always comes as a surprise.

The plain outer wall along the street is no preparation for the great portal of, say, the Qarayin mosque of the Al Andalus Mosque. Through the gateway opens a noble courtyard, tiled in faience and centered upon a pool or fountain. Beyond is the mosque proper, with a glimpse of stately arches receding far into the dimness. Close at hand the world is



Pool and courtyard at the Qarayin mosque. No graceless development here

going in and out at the gate, the ablutions pool is in constant use, and a quiet collection of venerable old men sits in long meditation under the vaulted roof.

The intensity of religious life is particularly noticeable at the shrines built in commemoration of holy men, for instance Moulay Idris of Fez. Here women and children gather round the sellers of gaudy candles, while the pious who have no time to go in and pray slip their hand over a brass disc set in the outer wall, communicating with the inner shrine.

A small Koranic school is situated just beside the shrine of Moulay Idris. The high chirping sound of very young children's voices chanting their alphabet mingles with the bustle of the street.

More serene, perhaps because now disused, are the wonderful madrasas, schools, attached to the great mosques. They were enlightened institutions in their time, being to house the students who came to study at the centers of religion. Built around a central oblong courtyard containing a pool of fountain, they resemble cloisters in the lower floor coo-

lumnades which the students shared.

There are many exquisite examples in the historic cities, all showing the finest faience work, carved plaster, and carved cedarwood. They are havens of tranquility and fine proportion, and

are particularly grateful to the non-Muslim visitor who cannot see the glorious interiors of the mosques.

After a day spent walking about in the endlessly fascinating old town of Fez, the visitor feels heart-

felt appreciation for that other delight of Moroccan civilization, the garden. Not only are the gardens of Morocco among the most beautiful in the world, they must also be the most loved and used.

Public gardens adorn all the towns, are carefully kept, and are filled with people. Old men, women and children, but above all

students — including female students — pacing up and down with their books under their noses, learning by heart.

Private gardens are like jewels, being based on the tiled courtyard and the sparkling fountain. Beside these exquisite artefacts grow cypresses and orange trees, lilies and roses. A walled garden such as this is extraordinarily peaceful, even a

few yards away from the teeming alleys of the town.

The visitor to Fez might do well to stay at the Palais Jamai, which was once a private mansion. It has the advantage of being within the old walls, and it has a beautiful garden. A good way of travelling about Morocco is by train, which is comfortable, efficient and inexpensive.

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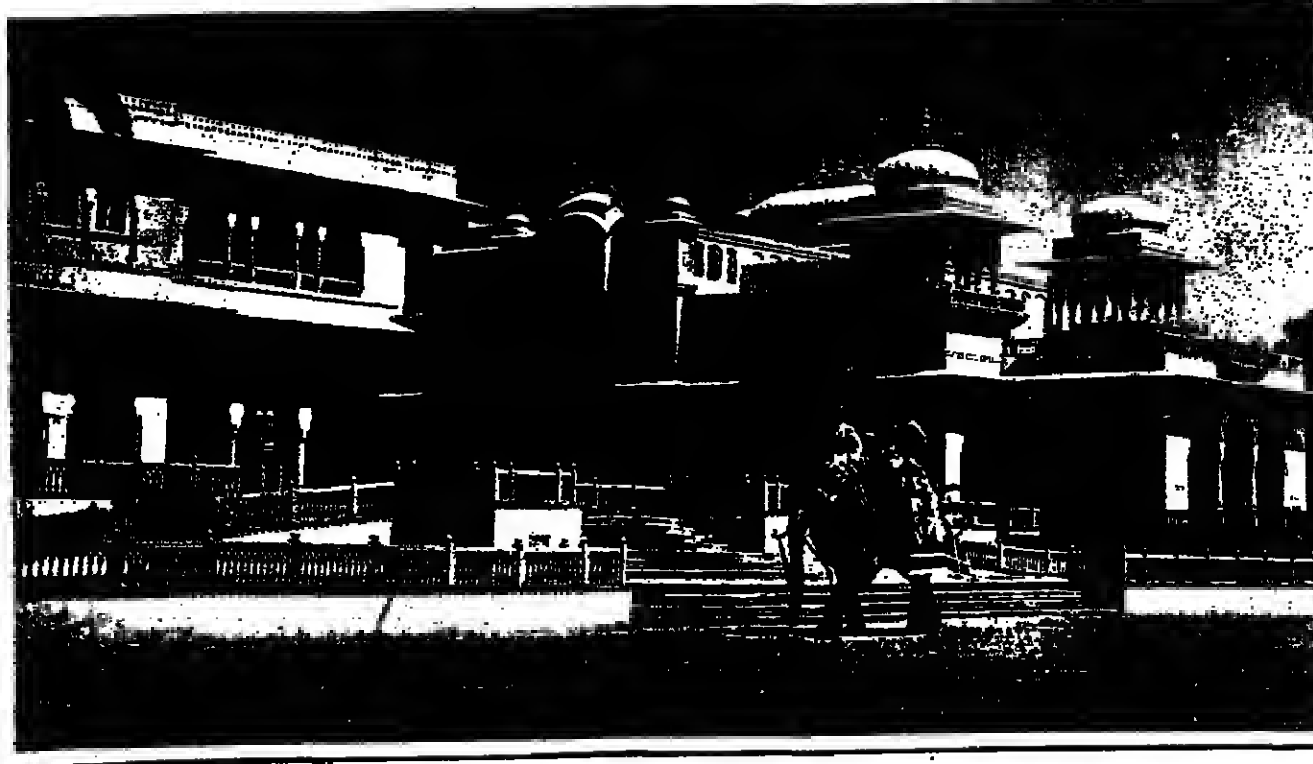
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A Spanish fiesta: violence simmers behind the carpets of flowers



Prince Felipe, heir to the Spanish throne

Running risks in Pamplona

By William Cernyn-Jones

PAMPLONA, Spain — Lady Brett Ashley and the chaps would find the scene during the fiesta of San Fermin in Pamplona this year much the same as it was half a century ago. They would even find a bronze bust of their creator Ernest Hemingway. But if Hemingway could rewrite his novel "The Sun Also Rises" today, he might make the young bullfighter a young Basque gunman.

Papa Hemingway immortalized Pamplona or, perhaps more accurately, Pamplona established his reputation as a tough young novelist with a clipped but carefully composed style.

The feast of San Fermin, the patron saint of Pamplona, is today. The party started Friday, with dancing in the streets, fireworks and noisy parades.

Every morning at seven, the bulls which will be fought and killed in the evening corrida are released from boxes near the town hall and, accompanied by castrated steers, run through the narrow old streets of the city to the bullring.

Hundreds of young men, and some not so young, but many of them rather intoxicated, run with the bulls. The correct uniform for the runners is a white shirt — heavily stained with spirits — rope-soled shoes, a red kerchief round the neck and perhaps a red beret. But nowadays there are more blue jeans and shorts in evidence.

Women are not allowed to run and women's lib might be well advised not to make an issue of it: some people do get killed, though not as many as you might believe if you listen to the alarming rumors in the cafes every morning.

There are three ways of running with the bulls, the "cowards"

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or get tripped. It is really not much more dangerous than crossing the street against the lights.

The "regulars" wait with nonchalance and then are passed by the bulls and their attendant steers, who have a surprising turn of speed. It takes some courage to jog alongside a 600 kilo bull with sharp horns, even for a few seconds.

The "suicides" meet the bulls and run to keep up with them, touching their horns and stroking their flanks.

The toro bravo is a wild animal of a different species from the domestic bull. If one gets sepa-



Hemingway's Spain: tableau of valor and death in the bullring

— Navarre.

Last year the fiesta of San Fermin brought a night of terror in the bullring after the Basque nationalists staged a demonstration.

The chief of police, a man particularly bitter against the Basques because the former police chief, a personal friend, had been assassi-

nated by an ETA commando, apparently disobeyed orders to act with discretion and reportedly told his men to "shoot to kill."

Surprisingly, in the pitched battle with the young nationalists only one youth died, but over 100 were injured.

Pamplona's new Socialist

mayor, Julian Baldiz, is confident, or at least assures the press that he is confident, that the fiesta will be greater this year than ever before. But in the tense situation in the Basque country, no one can predict what may happen on the feast of San Fermin in Pamplona in 1979. — (OFNS)

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American swimmers unchallenged

U.S. tidal wave sweeps Puerto Rico games

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 6 (R) — Sixteen year old Tracy Caulkins, a triple world record holder, took her third gold medal of the Pan American Games here Thursday night as the United States swimmers continued to sweep all before them in the pool.

Six gold medals, six more games records, four more silver medals — it has become almost a litany as

the Americans thrust aside the opposition in the pool as though it did not exist.

Miss Caulkins, already the winner of the 200 meters individual medley and a relay gold, won the 400 meters individual medley in four minutes 46.05 seconds, over one second clear of team mate Anne Tweedy who was herself more than six seconds clear of the

Canadian bronze medalist, Nancy Garapick, who was timed in 4:53.37.

Only in the men's 400 meters freestyle and the men's 200 meters butterfly did the Americans fail to take both gold and silver. In the freestyle, Brazilian Djan Madruga, who studies and trains in the United States, took the silver behind Brian Goodell of the

United States.

Goodell clocked 3:53.01 to Madruga's 3:57.46 while Canadian Peter Schmidt took the bronze in 3:58.34, one of four bronze medals won by Canada.

Madruga, in a quite remarkable feat, came almost immediately to take the bronze medal in the men's 200 meters backstroke.

The silver medal in the 200 meters butterfly went to George Nagy of Canada in 2:02.15 behind American Craig Beardsley, 2:00.49 and ahead of his team mate, Bill Sewchuk, who clocked 2:02.93.

In the backstroke event, Peter Rocca of the United States in 2:00.98 headed home local hero Jesse Vassallo, a Puerto Rican swimming for the U.S., while the women's 100 meters butterfly was won by American Jill Sterkel in 1:00.53 in front of team mate Lisa Buese, 1:10.59, the only really close finish of the night.

The men's 200 meter breaststroke was a major disappointment for Canada. With Graham Smith, the man who took six Commonwealth Games gold medals a year ago, in the race, they had hoped at last to break the American hegemony.

But Smith did not even get a medal. The race was won by Steve Lundquist of the United States in 2:21.97, ahead of team mate John Simons, 2:22.45.

For the first 150 meters, Smith stayed in touch with Lundquist. But over the last length of the pool, Simons pilled on the pressure and Colombian Pablo Restrepo snatched the bronze with a last gasp effort by 13 hundredths of a second from Smith.

Apart from their swimming golds, the United States added another two in shooting and one more in roller skating. Canada picked up a second gold in synchronized swimming, the title again going to Helen Vanderburg, the individual champion, associated in the duet with Kelly Kryczka.

The Cuban challenge also began to materialize at last as Francisco Casamayor piled up three golds on his own in the first weightlifting category to be decided, the 52 kilo weight division, setting games in the snatch, jerk and total lift.

The Cubans expect many more golds from weightlifting and should collect others later Friday night in the women's gymnastics.

Tropical thunderstorms, which lashed the island with lightning and heavy afternoon rains, forced the postponement of several events, throwing and already uncertain schedule into even greater disarray.

The chief casualty was the 4,000-meter cycling race for the gold and silver medals. All softball and tennis matches also were postponed.

Bob Clampett, 19

Western lead goes to amateur

OAK BROOK, Illinois, July 6 (AP) — Amateur Bob Clampett, 19, stunned the pros Thursday by shooting three-under-par 69 for a share of the first-round lead in the Western Open golf tournament.

Clampett was in the last threesome on the windswept Butler National Course and hooked up a 33-36 to join Bruce Devlin of Australia and Jim Simons in the lead.

Clampett, the only amateur in the field of 156 players and winner of the 1978 Western Junior and Amateur, salvaged a par on the final hole with a 12-foot putt.

"The strongest part of my game is luck," he joked.

He could become the second amateur ever to win the Western Open. Chick Evans did it in 1910.

Clampett has great potential. But he has some undesirable traits to overcome. He was banished in the final round of the recent U.S. Open when he started using trick shots, like driving from the tee while on his knees. Still, he can hit the ball more than 250 yards from that position.

Grouped at 70 in the chase for the \$54,000 top prize were Tom Watson, who had five bogeys and seven birdies; John Fought, a new pro who was the 1977 U.S. amateur champion; Allen Miller, Calvin Peete, John Lister, Pat McGowan and Dave Douglass. Jim Colbert, Larry Nelson, Tom Weiskopf and Jerry McGee were among those bracketed at 71.

In all, 20 players shot par or better. Defending champion Andy Bean was among 15 posting 73s.

First-round scores on the par-72, 7097-yard course:

Bob Clampett 33-36-69



IN THE CHASE: Tom Watson, in the pack one stroke behind the leader after the first round of the Western Open.

Bruce Devlin	34-35-69	Tom Weiskopf	38-33-71
Jim Simons	37-32-69	Ron Streck	37-34-71
John Fought	34-36-70	Jerry McGee	36-35-71
Dale Douglass	36-34-70	Dan Fohl	37-34-71
Pat McGowan	34-36-70	Graham Marsh	35-37-72
Tom Watson	36-34-70	David Graham	37-37-74
Allen Miller	34-36-70	Peter Oosterhuis	36-38-74
Calvin Peete	37-33-70	Frank Conner	38-37-75
John Lister	34-36-70	Bob Shearer	40-38-78
Larry Nelson	36-35-71	Jack Newton	39-41-80
Jim Colbert	33-38-71		

British runner shatters record for 800 meters

OLSO, July 6 (R) — Britain's Sebastian Coe smashed the two year old 800 meters world record of Cuban ace Alberto Juantorena with a brilliant run here Thursday night at an international athletics meeting.

Coe, 21, the British 800 meters record holder, clocked one minute 42.33 seconds, clipping more than a second off the Olympic champion's previous record of 1:43.4, set in Sofia in August, 1977.

"Everything worked out exactly right and I was helped by the track here which is extremely fast," said a delighted Coe, after a

race which had a crowd of 14,000 on its feet.

He was headed by Jamaican Leonard Smith during the first lap, but Smith pulled up with an injury after the bell.

The first 400 meters was run in 50.5 seconds.

Coe's previous best was 1:44.8 set last week in Malmo when he won the 800 meters for Britain in a European Cup semifinal.

On July 17 Coe is due to return to the same track for the "Golden Mile," which will include teammate Steve Ovett and New Zealand 1500 meters champion John Walker.

Tanzania's Suleiman Nyambui won the 1500 meters in 3:38.68, edging ahead of the American duo of



FINALIST: Bjorn Borg defeated his old rival Jimmy Connors 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 Thursday to go into the Wimbledon finals Saturday against Roscoe Tanner. Tanner hit ten aces on the Centre Court to crush Pat Dupre 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 to reach his first final. Friday Connors left Britain still snarling. Having refused interviews throughout the tournament, he brushed aside reporters: "Get the hell out of here," he snapped. He stormed out of Wimbledon Thursday without a word to Borg or waiting reporters. He did not even bother to change clothes.

Sorensen, Honeycutt

Two pitchers robbed of no-hitters

NEW YORK, July 6 (AP) — Milwaukee's Larry Sorensen and Seattle's Rick Honeycutt flirted with no-hitters Thursday.

Sorensen pitched no-hit balls before Chris Chambliss singled cleanly for the first of New York's two hits as the Brewers defeated the Yankees 3-0.

Sorensen issued a leadoff walk

to Willie Randolph but got Bobby Murcer to hit into a double play and retired 20 batters in a row — good for 21 outs — until he walked Reggie Jackson to start the eighth.

Honeycutt lost his no-hit bid after 51-3 innings and settled for a three-hitter as the Mariners blanked the Minnesota Twins 4-0. The 25-year-old lefty had retired 10 batters in a row before Bobby Randall lined a single up the middle to break the spell.

The other Minnesota hits came in the ninth on John Castino's double and a single by Randall but Honeycutt escaped by striking out Bombo Rivera and getting Roy Smalley to ground into a double play.

Willie Horton drove in two Seattle runs with a pair of singles.

In another American League afternoon contest, Bob Watson drove in the tie-breaking run in the eighth inning with his fourth single of the game as the Boston Red Sox rallied for a 5-4 victory and completed a sweep of a

three-game series with the Kansas City Royals.

While boosting their home record to 32-10, including 19-4 against West Division rivals, the Red Sox moved within three games of the idle Baltimore Orioles in the AL East.

Boston spotted Kansas City a 4-0 lead in the first two innings, then battled back despite leaving a total of 16 runners on base.

In the only National League day game, Rick Reuschel scattered six hits over 71-3 innings and Bruce Sutter gained his 18th save as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Montreal Expos 3-1.

In night NL games, the Atlanta Braves edged the San Francisco Giants 5-4. The victory was Atlanta's sixth straight, the Braves' longest winning streak of the season.

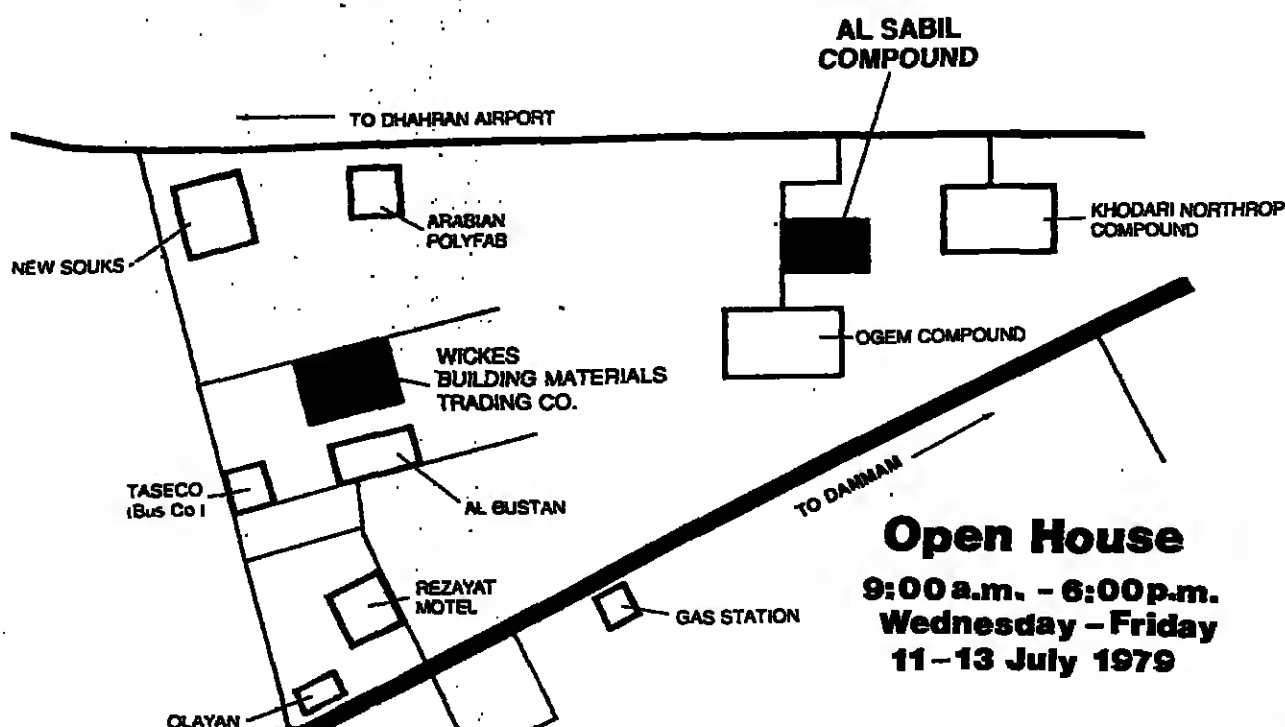
Cincinnati cupped the Houston Astros 5-4 behind Tom Seaver's fifth straight victory since returning from a back injury. The Reds snapped a five-game losing string, rallying for three runs in the sixth to come from behind.

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Japanese flyweight KO'd as Gonzalez keeps crown

UTSUNOMIYA, Japan, July 6 (AP) — World flyweight champion Benito Gonzalez of Venezuela knocked out Japanese challenger Shoji Oguma Friday to defend his World Boxing Association crown.

Until the 12th round the contest was about even with Oguma carrying the fight most of the way to Gonzalez.

It was Gonzalez's 68th victory and his 45th knockout against seven losses and three draws.

The fight was a rematch sanctioned by the WBA after controversial draw between the two fighters last January.

The knockout came in the 12th when Gonzalez caught his opponent with a right to the head followed by a left jab and another right which sent Oguma to the canvas.

Gonzalez, 29, won the WBA crown from Gutty Espadas of Mexico in Caracas in August 1978.

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How Jana Navratilova saw her daughter at last

A dream comes true for the exiled queen of Wimbledon

LONDON, July 6 — Last July, when expatriate Czech Martina Navratilova won the Wimbledon tennis championship, she said one thing made her dream-come-true incomplete.

"I don't know if I should cry or scream or laugh," she said at the time, choking back sobs. "I feel very happy that I woo, and at the same time I'm very sad that I can't share this with my family."

Friday afternoon, when she strode proudly onto the sunlit Centre Court of the all England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club to defend that most prized title, against Chris Evert Lloyd in the final, Navratilova's heart was soaring, her dream more nearly fulfilled.

In the competitors' guest box, hands clasped nervously in her lap, sat her mother, whom Martina had not seen in nearly four years until last week.

Winning here last year was the greatest moment in her career, but yesterday was one of the greatest moments in her life. Navratilova said then after her 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 first-round victory over qualifier Tanya Harford, a sparkling moment that transcended everyday fun and games. It was the first game her mother saw.

Mrs. Jana Navratilova, a handsome woman of 47, arrived here from Prague last week and was reunited with her celebrated daughter for the first time since August, 1975, two weeks before Martina defected and asked for political asylum in the United States during the U.S. Open championships.

Mrs. Navratilova's two-week tourist visa was apparently granted with the personal approval of the Czechoslovakian prime minister, Dr. Lubomir Strougal.

"It went that high," Martina said, explaining that the invitation she had requested from Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, chairman of the All England Club, had



TOGETHER AGAIN: Mrs. Navratilova and Miss Navratilova at Wimbledon, reunited last week after the champion's mother managed to leave Czechoslovakia for two weeks.

been forwarded to the prime minister by her father.

"I sent my mother an invitation myself a couple of months ago, but that didn't go through. They refused it... then my father got the idea of an official invitation from the all England Club. He thought that might work better, and it did."

"First they just sent a telegram, which didn't work. So then I called again, and they sent a letter. That finally did it. My dad took it to the prime minister and did a lot of running (around) himself, and it finally went through."

Fifty-two weeks ago, when the Duchess of Kent presented the gleaming gold Champion's Plate to Navratilova after her thrilling 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 triumph over Chris Evert, she offered Martina her assistance in the long bureaucratic battle to get her parents visas to leave Czechoslovakia.

Asked if the offer of Royal intervention had been helpful in getting her mother here, Navratilova said:

"I don't know. Maybe it helped for this year's Wimbledon. Last year, after I won, I still tried to get the visa and still couldn't get anything done. But it might have helped this time, since she was coming to England."

"Nobody knows how the Czechs are working. But the prime minister, he is a tennis fan, and he likes me. He does. And I'm still a Czech. So..."

News of Navratilova's victory last year was downplayed, virtually muffled, in the government-controlled media of Czechoslovakia. But her mother, father, Miroslav, and younger sister Jana, who has just turned 16, were able to see it by driving to Pilsen, near the German border, and watching

West German television.

But their repeated efforts to obtain either tourist visas to visit Martina abroad, or permanent visas so that they could join her in her adopted hometown of Dallas, have been denied.

"I am very successful now, but I will never be completely happy until I am with my family again,"

Navratilova said last January, during a tournament in Washington.

A breakthrough of sorts came in March when Navratilova's 84-year-old grandmother, Andela Subertova, was granted a visa and spent a month in the United States, visiting Martina in Dallas and accompanying her to the Avon Championships in New York, which she won to climax an outstanding winter season.

Two weeks ago word came that her mother would be permitted to join her in England. Martina — who has applied for American citizenship, and will be eligible for it in October, 1980 — got the news when she phoned her sister in Revnice, the Prague suburb where she grew up.

"When my sister told me, I started crying, and when my mother found out, she was crying. It was very emotional, obviously. I was like a little kid..."

"After this, hopefully the whole family will get to go permanently. They've asked for a permanent visa, which is the legal way of leaving Czechoslovakia for good."

Mrs. Navratilova's visa is for a fortnight, but Martina hoped it could be extended so that her mother could go to United States after Wimbledon. "The whole family has asked for a permanent visa. But that is still being in the paperwork."

Navratilova had sensibly kept quiet about her mother's impending arrival to insure that their airport reunion would be a personal

affair, away from the glare of the massive publicity that inevitably followed.

"Some of my friends knew, but not the press. I wanted something a little private before we got clobbered."

Martina went to Heathrow Airport alone to meet her mother. "I was nervous, very nervous," she said. "The plane was late, naturally. It took another half-hour for her to get through customs, so I didn't see her until quarter after five."

Those few minutes seemed interminable. "I was just waiting there. When she first came out, I didn't even recognize her. I was just flabbergasted because she looked so good. But she recognized me right away."

And mother brought a present, "cookies ... she brought me cookies that she had baked in the morning, before she came over."

That Tuesday the mother and child reunion became a matter of public record.

On the first day of play Mrs. Navratilova sat with hands folded on top of her handbag on the lap of her gray checked trouser suit as her daughter walked onto the Centre Court, amid ringing applause, and curtsied to the royal box, where the Duchess of Kent again sat beaming.

Since there are only 96 players in the women's singles draw at Wimbledon, compared with 128 in the men's singles, Navratilova



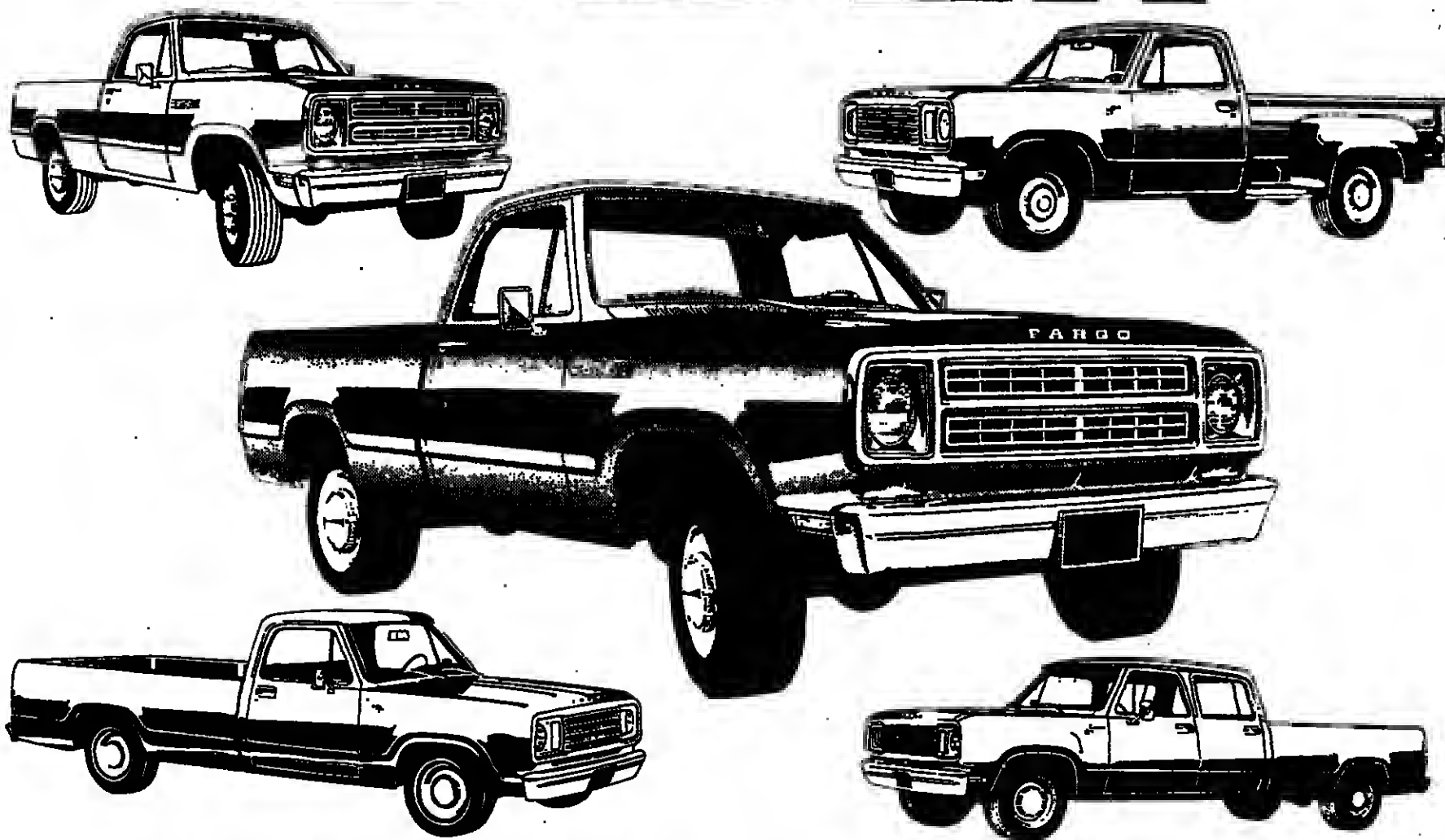
WINNING: Martina Navratilova with the Wimbledon ladies' trophy last year.

was entitled to a first-round bye. But she chose to play instead so that she could savor the final thrill of her year's reign as champion: the honor of playing the opening match of Wimbledon's traditional "Ladies Day" in the Elizabethan-style Centre Court.

Navratilova almost got more than she bargained for in Harford, a plucky, athletic young South African who played her way into the tournament by winning three qualifying rounds.

But she eventually settled down and won convincingly as Harford's storm of early winners blew itself out. She admitted that having her mother watching was both an inspiration and a distraction, but she didn't use that as an excuse for losing the first set.

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Washington, Peking to sign agreement on trade today

PEKING, July 6 (AP) — The U.S. Embassy said Friday a Sino-American trade agreement will be signed here Saturday afternoon.

The embassy said U.S. Ambassador Leonard Woodcock will sign the important agreement, which will govern trade between the two countries.

The text was not immediately available.

The United States and China initiated a trade agreement in Canton May 14 during the visit of Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps.

The Minister of Foreign Trade Li Zhiang (Li Chiang) will sign for China.

The embassy said the two countries have not yet reached agreement on textiles, on the items expected to be a major stumbling block when the overall trade pact comes up for ratification in Congress.

Mrs. Kreps said in Canton after initiating the agreement that it marked a major step "on the way to full normalization of Sino-American economic relations."

The United States and China established full diplomatic ties Jan. 1 this year.

The Soviet Union also is expected to be granted similar concessions.

In general, the agreement provides for a number of specific conditions of trade, including the use of convertible currencies. Procedure for the settlement of disputes and protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and customs procedures are spelled out and provisions made for the establishment of trade offices in each country.



Juanita Kreps

The United States failed to persuade the Chinese to place limits on the size of its textile exports to the United States.

Sterling strength causes worry

Gold price reaches all-time high of \$290

LONDON, July 6 (AP) — Gold prices topped \$290 an ounce for the first time in history, while the dollar staged a modest recovery after the battering it took Thursday.

Gold soared to an all-time high of \$290.625 a troy ounce in Zurich, Europe's largest bullion market, a gain of nearly \$3 from Thursday night's record close of \$287.875.

The Zurich price has gone up \$7.50 in two days and compares with a closing quote of \$277.875 a week ago and \$218.875 at the start of the year.

In London, gold also topped \$290 for the first time. The early morning indicator was \$290.25, up from \$287.75 at Thursday's close.

Dealers have been predicting for weeks that nothing can stop gold's advance to the \$300 level in view of worldwide economic problems caused by soaring energy prices and inflation. Investors see gold as one of the few safe havens left.

Dealers attributed the dollar's recovery to technical reaction, after sizeable losses around the world Thursday.

In London, however, the pound sterling continued strong. One pound was worth \$2.2385 Friday morning, compared with a late rate of \$2.2285 the night before. At one point Thursday, the pound hit a four-year high of \$2.2520.

Tourists got even fewer pounds for their dollars. One exchange in London's exclusive Kensington district posted \$2.35 to the pound.

Some British exporters were

alarmed by the pound's appreciation, which makes goods harder to sell abroad. The Confederation of British Industry said it would send a delegation to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Monday to discuss the problem. For the moment, the government welcomes a stronger pound — it cuts the cost of imports, restrains inflation and forces exporters to improve productivity and com-

petitiveness.

Morning dollar rates elsewhere, compared with late Thursday:

Frankfurt — 1.8331 West German marks, up from 1.8298.

Zurich — 1.65 Swiss francs, up from 1.64925.

Paris — 4.2625 French francs up from 4.2475.

Amsterdam — 2.019 Dutch guilders, up from 2.015.

Rome — \$23.25 Italian lire, up from \$21.55 in Milan.

In Tokyo, where banks close before European foreign exchange trading, the dollar improved to 217.00 yen from Thursday's late 216.125. Dealers said U.S. Federal Reserve intervention in New York was one reason for the rally.

Over government 'harassment'

Israel gem traders threaten shutdown

TEL AVIV, July 6 (R) — Israel's diamond traders have threatened to shut down their industry to protest against what they called harassment by tax officials.

The traders Thursday said they would close the Ramat Gan diamond exchange near here and the diamond polishing and processing plants unless authorities dropped legal proceedings against some manufacturers for failing to keep accurate records of their dealings.

Until recently, diamond merchants and manufacturers in the

\$400-million-a-year industry were exempted from keeping books, but tax reforms have abolished their preferential treatment.

The traders said that since the reform, Israel's diamond industry has faced tough competition from India and the Soviet Union.

"The government is endangering an industry which has been built painstakingly over 30 years," said Hayim Danieli, director-

general of the Diamond Manufacturers' Association.

The president of the diamond exchange, Moshe Shnitzer, said "We are going to close the bourse and not one single carat will be exported."

But Shnitzer did not set a date for the strike, saying only that "unless a solution was found in the very near future ... We shall strike."

Mexico to start new bid to control fire at oil well

MEXICO CITY, July 6 (R) — Mexican experts Thursday made final preparations to cap off-shore oil well in the Gulf of Mexico which has been spewing 30,000 barrels of oil a day since it burst and caught fire June 3.

The Mexican state oil company Pemex said the plan was to stuff the mouth of the well, 150 feet beneath the surface of the sea, with a mixture of gelatin-like chemicals and cement.

Pemex sources said if the sec-

ond attempt failed, work would be concentrated on drilling two new wells to divert the oil flow so it could be pumped into waiting tanker ships.

But by the time work is completed in early September, the damaged well would have belched more than 2.5 million barrels into the sea, far surpassing the current record oil spill — more than 1.4 million barrels dumped on France's Brittany coast when the tanker Amoco Cadiz broke up in March, 1978.

Lagos cuts shipments

Ghana to ration gasoline

ACCRA, July 6 (R) — Ghana announced Thursday night stricter measures to conserve depleted fuel supplies after a Nigerian decision to reduce shipments of crude oil to Ghana.

The fuel and Power Commissioner Professor George Bannah told a press conference gasoline allocation for private motorists would be halved to nine gallons a

week.

Last weekend, the government introduced gasoline rationing, allowing each motorist 18 gallons weekly — six gallons at a time on alternate days.

Bannah said that from Friday, motorists would only be allowed three gallons at a time. Commercial vehicles will not be affected by the measures.

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Japan to seek stable supplies of Arab oil

TOKYO, July 6 (R) — Japan's international trade and industry minister, Masumi Esaki, was to leave here Saturday for a tour of four Arab countries to secure stable oil supplies and discuss bilateral economic cooperation.

The visits to Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates come shortly after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) announced oil price increases and the Tokyo economic summit, at which the seven major industrial democracies agreed to hold down imports of crude.

Esaki, whose trip is seen by the ministry as part of a dialogue between oil producers and consumers, will brief government officials in the four countries on Japan's oil conservation policy and projects to develop alternative energy sources.

He also wants to find out the oil production and sales plans of the four countries, which supply Japan with about 53 per cent of its total crude imports.

In Saudi Arabia, Esaki will seek increased supplies of crude on a direct government contract basis to cover shortfalls caused by drops in supplies from international oil companies, ministry officials said.

Japan wants to conclude a 10-year contract from 1981 between the Saudi government and Japan's semi-official National Oil Corporation for the supply of 15 million kiloliters (94.4 million barrels) of crude a year at standard prices.

Japan imported 80.31 million kiloliters (about 505 million barrels) of oil from the Kingdom in the financial year which ended last March, or about 30 per cent of its total oil imports.

This week, Japan welcomed

SAMA Exchange Rates

U.S. Dollar	SR 3.38
Pound Sterling	7.43
Deutsche Mark	1.83
Swiss Franc	2.04
French Franc	.79
Italian Lira (100)	.41
Japanese Yen (100)	1.54
Canadian Dollar	2.89
Belgian Franc (10)	1.14
Dutch Guilder	1.66

The prices, announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, are based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. Dollar.

Trade minister starts Gulf tour

Japan to seek stable supplies of Arab oil

Saudi Arabia's decision to increase oil production, and ministry officials said Esaki will also discuss Japanese cooperation in the Kingdom's development projects during his visit.

Esaki, who will stop over briefly in Paris this weekend, plans to attend the second annual meeting next Monday of the Iraq-Japan Joint Committee to discuss bilateral

technical and economic cooperation.

At last week's meeting in Geneva OPEC agreed to raise oil prices in between \$18 and \$23.5 a barrel. Officials here estimated this would add about \$7 billion to Japan's annual oil bill, which totaled over \$24 billion last year.

At the Iraqi-Japan committee meeting in Baghdad, Esaki will

To 5.6 per cent

Unemployment rate falls in U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP) — The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 5.6 per cent in June, the government said Friday.

At the same time, wholesale prices rose 0.5 per cent last month. Food prices actually declined 1.2 per cent with sharp drops in the prices of beef and poultry.

Non-food items rose 1.2 per cent, led by sharp advances in oil prices.

The jobless rate was 5.8 per cent in May, the tenth consecutive month it was in the range of 5.7 per cent to 5.9 per cent.

These are watched closely because they reflect the country's

economic health. Wholesale price changes generally show up, after several months, on the retail level.

Employment figures parallel industrial activity.

Georgia State University economists, meanwhile, said wholesale prices increased by 0.9 per cent in June or at an annual rate of 11.4 per cent. Wholesale food prices went up 0.4 per cent, their report said.

Wholesale prices in May, as reported by the government, rose 0.9 per cent over April, the smallest increase since August. Food prices on the wholesale level were

down 1.3 per cent in May, government figures indicated.

"Double-digit inflation will remain until the energy situation is stabilized," said the university's report.

Recent rapid price increases at the retail level have been blamed on higher energy costs, and little relief is likely.

Crude oil price increases, announced by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries late last month, will begin working their way through the economy in the next few months, economists say.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Jeddah	Supplying of tires for vehicles and heavy machinery	8	300	Aug. 12
" " "	Supplying of battery for vehicles and heavy machinery	9	300	Aug. 12
" " "	Supplying of sanitation equipment	10	300	" "
" " "	Supplying of plants, fertilizers and seeds	11	500	" "
Municipality of Al-Namas	Printed material, stationery and photographic equipment	1	100	July 21
" " "	Supplying of fuel and servicing of vehicles	2	100	" "
" " "	Supplying of furniture and office equipment	3	100	" "

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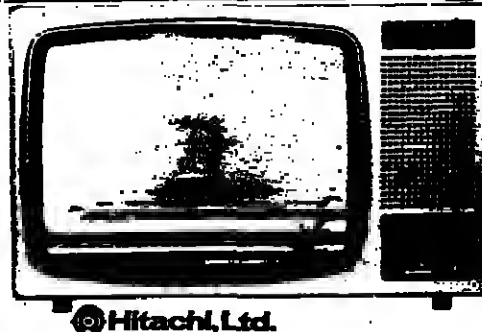
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Pound Sterling	7.58
100 Deutsche Marks	185.44
100 Dutch Florin	168.03
100 Swiss Francs	206.10
100 French Francs	79.63
100 Belgian Francs	11.70
1000 Italian Liras	4.16
100 Danish Kroner	64.48
100 Swedish Kroner	80.01
100 Norwegian Kroner	67.10
1000 Japanese Yen	15.74
100 Australian Schillings	25.66
1000 Spanish Pesetas	51.73
Canadian Dollars	2.94
Australian Dollars	3.83
Hong Kong Dollars	—
100 Singapore Dollars	156.68
100 Greece Drachm	9.70
Indonesian Rupees	—
Egyptian Pound - Parallel Market	4.82
Sudan Pound	6.85
Kuwait Dinars	12.29
Jordanian Dinars	11.22
Iraq Dinars	11.59
Bahrain Dinars	8.85
100 Lebanese Liras	104.80
100 Syria Liras	86.99
100 Qatar Riyals	90.47
100 Yemeni Riyals	74.39
1000 Iran Riyals	48.38
Omani Riyals	9.80
100 UAE Dirhams	89.05
100 Indian Rupees	42.86
100 Pakistani Rupees	34.31
100 Ethiopian Dollars	163.88
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Japan increases air fares by 7%

TOKYO, July 6 (AP) — The Japanese Transport Ministry approved Friday a 7 per cent fare increase starting July 12 for Japan Airlines and 27 foreign airlines making flights into Japan. The ministry said the fares on Japan-U.S. routes will remain unchanged for the time being because the U.S. government is against any increase. Fares on Japan-Australia routes, which have been comparatively higher, will be raised by 5 per cent. The airlines said they had applied for the fare increases to cope with rises in fuel prices. Under the fare increase, Tokyo-Sydney route will cost \$ 1,073, Tokyo-Europe \$ 1,486, Tokyo-Manila \$ 377, Tokyo-Hong Kong \$ 368, Tokyo-Bangkok \$ 536 and Tokyo-Singapore \$ 588, all at Friday's exchange rate of 216.50 yen per dollar.

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U.S. to propose halt to whaling

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP) — The United States, once the world's greatest whaling nation, will propose an indefinite moratorium on all commercial whaling, Richard Frank, U.S. whaling commissioner, said Thursday the proposal will be made in London next week before the International Whaling Commission, a 22-nation group that attempts to regulate global whaling. "There are enough whaling countries to block the vote" on the proposal, Frank said, predicting that passage of a complete moratorium "will be very difficult." He said the United States wants a moratorium to protect surviving whales, some of which have been hunted to near extinction. Although the IWC in the last five years has reduced the commercial kill of whales from about 40,000 per year to 20,000, Frank said this is insufficient to protect whales.

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	Closing July 4 Price Scts.	Closing July 2
Creditfonema	337	337
Paykommer	226	276
Selects	568	561
Semperi	79	80
Telecom	211	212
Velt Magazine	272	269

	Closing July 2 Price Scts.	Closing July 2
Alkal Trading	371	379
Anshl Elex-Chem.	166	166
Anglo Siam	166	146
Bank of Tokyo	218	218
Banyu Pharma.	662	661
Banyu Tire	868	857
Canon	531	540
Chiyoda	637	UNQ
Chinhe Power	853	854
Dai Nippon	436	437
Dulcich Kangyo Bank	335	335
Dai Nippon Printing	335	335
Dai Nippon Talc	182	182
Ebara Machine	390	389
Fuji Bank	240	239
Fuji Film	611	611
Fuji Spinning	130	129
Fujitsu	414	415
Fujitsu	247	243
Honda Motor	543	543
ITI	128	128
JAL	385	383
JAL	2650	2690
Kajima	290	287
Kanmi Power	1040	1039
Kanmi Power	1030	554
Kawasaki Steel	139	139
Kirin Brewery	444	443
Kobe Steel	422	354
Kubota	271	271
Matsumoto Inds.	692	693
Mitsubishi Bank	287	279
Mitsubishi Bank	339	339
Mitsubishi Chemical	175	179
Mitsubishi Electric	185	183
Mitsubishi Estate	699	405
Mitsubishi Heavy	169	170
Mitsubishi Corp.	584	408
Mitsubishi	313	315
Mitsui Bussan	593	597
Mitsui Sanching	132	133
Mitsui Electric	250	458
Mitsui Electric	639	635
Necome	188	181
Nippon Electric	328	327
Nippon Electric	357	357
Nippon Light Metal	284	289
Nippon Mkt.	776	760
Nippon Oil	1490	1489
Nippon Paper	334	334
Nippon Sheet Glass	245	244
Nippon Steel	128	125
Nippon Textile	338	350
Nippon Yusen	351	352
Nissan Motor	677	678
Nomura Securities	441	441
Osaka Cement	726	729
Osaka	551	550
Sharp	435	433
Sanyo	2970	2940
Sanyo Bank	338	338
Sanyo Cement	157	157
Sanyo Cement	132	134
Sanyo Marine	255	253
Sanyo Metal	134	130
Taihei	223	223
Taihei	244	242
Takeda	449	448
Tokai	137	137
Tokai Bank	317	315
Tokyo Gas	119	119
Tokyo Marine	519	515
Tokyo Power	920	920
Tokyo Steel	355	355
Toray Inds.	173	170
Torihisu	155	154
Toyo Kogyo	581	498
Tsukuba	889	888
Yasuda	257	255
Yamachi	273	280

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	Closing July 4 Price Singapore S	Closing July 2
Industries	308	308
Boustead Co.	UNQ	203.5d
Cold Storage Hops	211	215
Cycle & Carriage	263	266
Harbor Engineering	500	500
Fraser & Neave	540	545
Gulistan	500	505.5d
Harper Gilliland	UNQ	UNQ
Hongkong & Siam	138	141
Iskcon	178	172
Malayan Breweries	UNQ	UNQ
Malayan Cement	376	376
National Iron	490	496
N.L.B. Timbers	UNQ	196
Power Products	UNQ	139
Real Estate	459	452
Sime Derby Hops	334	334
Straits Steamship	248	UNQ
Straits Trading Co.	576.5d	576.5d
Straits Trading Co.	645	650
Times Publishing	290	291
Tractors & Motors	270	270
United Malaysia	144	145
Winnam Jacka Co.	159	151

	91/92	93/94
Fluorocarb	488	488
Goodwood Park	488	488

	150/160	159/60
Properities	150/160	159/60
Central Properties	110	120
Overseas Land	140	143
Island Plan. Dev.	386	392
United Engineers	170	176

	700	795
Minerals	700	795
Reynolds Tin	UNQ	UNQ
Palm Oil	130	131
Selangor Drilling	UNQ	UNQ

	239/258	252
Rubber	239/258	252
Bato Lintang Rubber	390	394
Kempas (Malaya)	585	590
K.L. Kopying	290	297
Kuala Lumpur	186	189
Highlands & Lowlands	398	484
Consol. Plantations	216	220

NOTES Overseas prices shown exclude 5% premium. Belgian discounts are after withholding tax.

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Term	Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Asian Dollar	Japanese Yen
1 month	10 1/8%	7 1/8-1 1/8	4 1/2%	5 7/8%-5 9/16	8 3/4%	20-33	23 1/2-5 1/8%
3 months	10 1/8%	7 1/8-1 1/8	4 1/2%	5 7/8%-5 9/16	8 3/4%	10	3 7/16-5 1/8%
6 months	11 1/8%	8 3/16-8 1/4%	4 1/2%	5 13/16-6 1/16	8 3/4-10%	13 1/2-14 1/2	3 7/8-9 1/8%
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18 months	11 1/8%	9 5/16-9 1/4%	4 1/2%	7 1/16-7 1/8	11 1/2-11 1/2	14 1/2-15	6 7/16-7 1/8%

dollar certificates of deposit: One month 10.45-10.55 per cent; three months 10.55-10.65 per cent; six months 10.75-10.85 per cent; three years 9.70-10 per cent; four years 9.13-9.15 per cent; five years 9.13-9.15 per cent.
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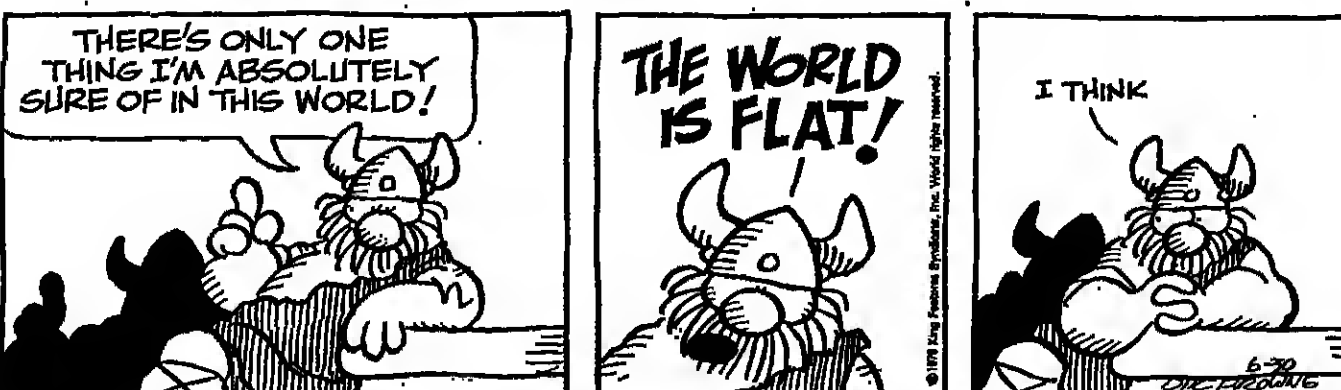
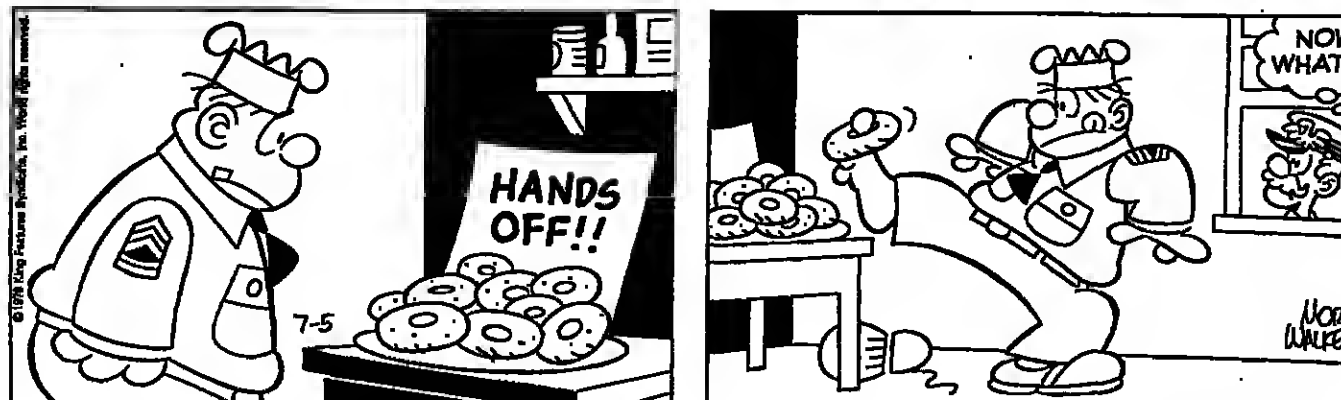
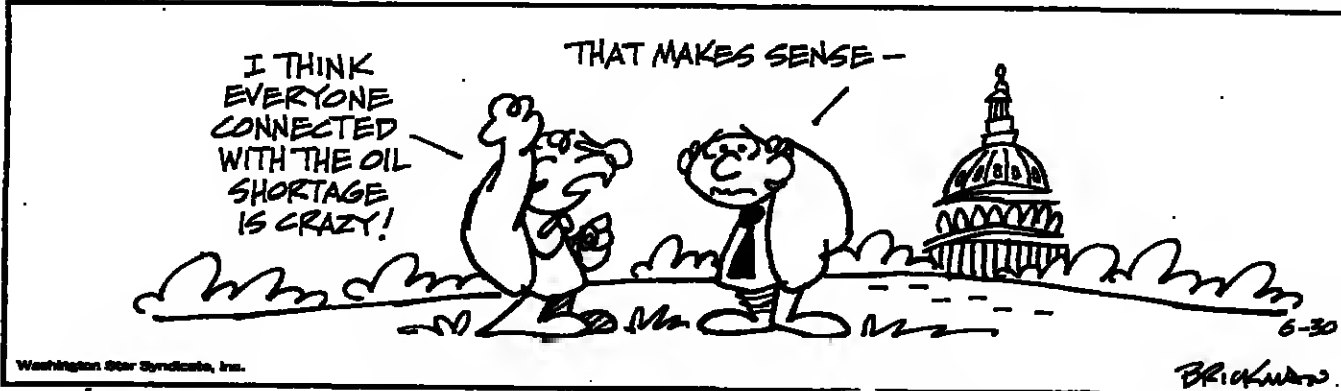
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Dennis the Menace



...art if ya can't make me a good boy, can ya fix it so my Mom don't care?

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 1 Spatial 2 Kind of infinitive 3 Bear arms 4 American clergyman 5 U.S. emblem 6 Launched 7 Feign 8 Youngling 9 Cupid's call 10 Kansas city 11 Correct 12 Absolve 13 French city 14 Wing, Fr. 15 Explosive initials 16 Put on guard 17 Checkbook remnant 18 Not wanted: sl 19 Window style 20 French resort 21 Pilot 22 Boying-ton's nickname 23 Nifty DOWN 1 Simpleton 2 Good name, for short 3 Gum up

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Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

Structural Visualization

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH ♠ A J 3 2 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ K 10 9 5 4 ♣ 6

WEST ♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 ♣ K Q J 8 5 2 ♥ J 7 8 3 ♦ 8 2

EAST ♠ K Q J 8 5 2 ♥ 8 2 ♦ 10 8 4 ♣ A Q

SOUTH ♠ A K Q J 9 7 5 ♥ 9 8 4 ♦ A Q ♣ A K Q J 9 7 5

The bidding: East 4♥ South 5♣ West Pass North 5♣

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Saturday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:23	5:51	12:32	3:50	7:09	8:39
Medina	4:10	5:37	12:33	3:54	7:15	8:45
Nejd	3:44	5:18	12:05	3:27	6:47	8:17

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Childrens Show	Ses St: 1127, Laff a
5:55 The Monster Squad	Lyrics: Ariz
6:19 The Waltons	No Face
7:06 Randall & Hopkirk	Career Girl
Safety Film	The Ghost Talks
8:05 Kojak	Fire Safety Hot Stuff
	Photo Must Credit Joe
8:53 Theatre of Stars	Paxton
	In Any Language

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Patches of rain clouds over the western and northwestern highlands will keep the weather pleasant in those regions. The rest of the Kingdom will, however, remain moderately hot. Surface winds will blow northerly at active speed, raising dust and sands over the northern, central and eastern regions.
Sea conditions will be moderate to medium in the territorial waters.

Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	42	30	Tabuk	37	21
Jeddah	37	27	Turaif	34	20
Riyadh	40	25	Arar	39	22
Dhahran	43	26	Bisha	37	20
Medina	41	26	Sulayil	42	25
Taif	33	21	Abha	28	15

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SATURDAY:

Afternoon Transmission	10:01 The Holy Quran
2:00 Opening	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quranic	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. — Historical Notes	10:25 S.A. A. Daily
2:20 On Islam	Chronicle
2:30 Hits in Germany	1:30 Melody Makers
3:00 NEWS	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:10 Press Review	11:10 Music
3:15 Music	11:15 Hot Rock
3:20 Islamic Activities	11:45 The Golden Age
3:30 Leaps and Bounds	12:00 Imp. Com & Recollections
3:40 Music	12:10 Music
3:50 Close Down	12:15 Mood Music
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
Evening Transmission	1:00 Close Down
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opening: Analyses
	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup:	10:30 VOC Magazine: News
Reports: Actualities:	America; Science;
Opinion; Analyses:	Cultural; Letter
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
News Summary	(Standards)
9:00 Special English:	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
News; Feature: The	
Making of a Nation	VOA WORLD REPORT
News Summary	Midnight
9:30 Music USA:	12:00 News newsmakers'
(Standards)	voices correspondents
10:00 News Roundup:	reports background
Reports: Actualities	features media comments
	news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News	4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
8:09 * Twenty-Four Hours	5:15 Report on Religion
News Summary	6:00 Radio Newseel
8:30 * Sarah Ward	6:15 * Outlook
8:45 World Today	7:00 World News
9:00 Newseel	7:09 Commentary
9:30 * Opera Star	7:15 * Sherlock Holmes
10:00 World News	7:45 World Today
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours	8:00 World News
News Summary	8:09 * Books and Writers
10:30 * Sarah Ward	8:30 * Take One
10:45 * Something to Show	8:45 Sports Round-up
You	9:00 World News
11:00 World News	9:09 News about Britain
11:09 Reflections	9:15 Radio Newseel
11:15 Piano Style	9:30 Farming World
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978	10:00 Outlook News
12:00 World News	Summary
12:09 British Press Review	10:39 Stock Market Report
12:15 World Today	10:43 Look Ahead
12:30 Financial News	10:45 Ulster in Forces
12:40 Look Ahead	11:00 World News
12:45 The Tony Myatt	11:09 Twenty-Four Hours:
Request Show	News Summary
1:15 Ulster in Focus	11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
1:30 Discovery	Midnight Transmission
2:00 World News	12:15 Talkabout
2:09 News about Britain	12:45 Nature
2:15 Alphabet of	Notebook
Musical Curios	1:00 World News
2:30 Sports International	1:09 World Today
2:40 Radio Newseel	1:25 Financial News
3:15 Promenade Concert	1:35 BBOOK Choice
3:45 Sports Round-up	1:40 Reflections
4:00 World News	1:45 Sports Retind-up
4:09 Twenty-Four Hours:	2:00 World News
News Summary	2:09 Commentary
	2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SATURDAY, JULY 7, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Make sure those left behind don't feel slighted if embarking on a trip. Dreams may be prophetic. Distant places prove inspiring.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Trust financial hunches, but don't be talked into anything. A close ally may change his mind about a financial matter.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
You're especially susceptible to the influence of others now. Romantic matters may make you nervous in the p.m. Avoid erratic behavior.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Your intuition is strong re work-related matters. Trust hunches. A p.m. date may have to be changed or may have some surprises.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Do your best to make a romantic interest feel comfortable around your friends. Pleasurable times indicated. Forego erraticism.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
A conversation may have romantic innuendoes, but you

could be talking to a flirt. Domestic concerns preoccupy you. Maintain ideals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Local visits could lead to new ideas about work projects. Not a time for risky financial investment or expenditure. Be prudent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
You have the inside track re a financial deal, but avoid displaying hand prematurely. Close allies are erratic in feelings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
New locales provide fresh horizons and promote well-being. A planned romantic tryst may not go according to expectations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Far from the madding crowd, you'll make progress in privacy. Watch out for jealousy or misplaced affection at a social gathering.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
A surprise meeting with a co-worker away from the office has you thinking of a relationship, but the feelings may not be mutual.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Though the time is not right for mixing business with pleasure, career opportunities are in the offing. Romance is touch and go.

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Could determine war

Somoza troops pressing new attack on Sandinistas

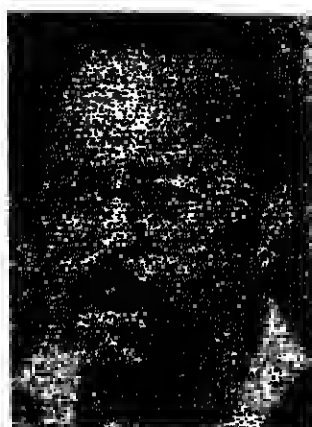
MANAGUA, July 6 (AP) — President Anastasio Somoza pressed a counter-offensive Thursday whose outcome could show whether he still has enough military strength to save him.

The 53-year-old dictator sent about 1,000 troops, planes, armored cars and at least one tank against the Sandinista guerrillas holding Masaya, 32 kilometers south of the capital. Reporters observed the planes bombing, rocketing and strafing the city.

It was Somoza's first counter-offensive against any of the 24 cities the Sandinistas have taken since they launched their offensive six weeks ago to try to end the 42-year-old dictatorship of the Somoza family.

If the National Guard cannot recapture Masaya, there will be little prospect of Somoza regaining control of the rest of the country. The guerrillas of the Sandinista National Liberation Front now hold all the major population centers except for Managua, nearby Granada and ports on the Caribbean.

Somoza sent 600 troops from Managua and 200 from another part of the country against the rebels in Masaya, presidential aide Max Kelly said. Two hundred others had been sent in earlier.



Gen. Somoza

Meanwhile, the guerrillas' radio sandino reported that the rebels had taken the army garrison in the town of Jinetepe, about 48 kilometers southwest of Managua.

The broadcast said the guerrillas were also still attacking the army post at Rivas, 96 kilometers southeast of Managua and 40 kilometers north of the Costa Rican border which the rebels began attacking Tuesday and where they plan to set up their provisional government.

But Somoza's press secretary, Rafael Cano, continued to claim that Rivas was under full govern-

ment control after a sharp guerrilla attack.

Late Thursday evening anti-aircraft guns at Managua airport and around Somoza's heavily fortified bunker headquarters opened up on a plane flying over the capital. About 75 per cent of the city also was blacked out, but the cause was not immediately known.

Regarding published reports that Somoza would flee the country soon, a presidential aide who requested anonymity said: "If the president's departure is imminent, you'll have to admit that he is selecting a peculiar manner of preparing for it by launching a major attack."

"The president was very dismayed and was close to resigning after the OAS resolution that he should resign. But he picked himself up again, and told me, 'well, sir, strap on your pistol because we are going to fight them all the way.'"

Seventeen members of the Organization of American States, including the United States, approved a resolution last month calling for Somoza's resignation to end the war. But Somoza has refused to step down until the fighting ends.

Meanwhile, the administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter embarked on a new attempt to restrict leftist influence in the post-Somoza government of Nicaragua. Having failed in an attempt to wear anti-Somoza conservatives and moderates away from the Sandinista cause, State Department officials in Washington said the Carter administration is now counting on Venezuela and Colombia to convince the guerrillas to pursue a moderate course in the post-Somoza era.

If he just hadn't applied...

JAKARTA, July 6 (AP) — A man is to stand trial on charges of having six wives, two more than allowed by the Islamic religion, a court official said Friday.

The man, who was unidentified, was found to have six wives when he applied to marry the seventh. One of his wives is in the north Sumatra city of Medan while the others came from Java.



ANTI-AIRCRAFT: Sandinista guerrillas open fire on a Nicaraguan National Guard plane in the city of Leon recently. A National Guard counter-offensive launched Thursday may prove to be the last act in the country's long civil war.

France to discuss arms for oil deals with Iraq

PARIS, July 6 (R) — The question of swapping more arms for oil will be high on the agenda when French Prime Minister Raymond Barre starts talks with Iraqi leaders in Baghdad Saturday.

France is making no secret about arms sales to pay its soaring oil bill.

Iraq has so far received most of its military equipment from the Soviet Union but is turning to France for more planes, helicopters and tanks.

Barre, making his second visit to Iraq since becoming prime minister three years ago, will also discuss the Middle East situation and developments in the Gulf when he meets president Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr and Saddam Hussein, the powerful vice-chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council.

France's large purchases of oil have tipped the trade balance between the two countries heavily in favor of Iraq.

But the Iraqis are trading their fleet of French Mirage F-1 fighters

and also want France's latest combat plane, Mirage Delta 2000, French officials said.

Negotiations for the planes and other sophisticated arms worth \$1.5 billion were completed in talks held in Paris by the Iraqi and French defense ministers in May.

The Iraqis are diversifying their arms suppliers so as not to depend exclusively on any one of them. Baghdad is paying for the military equipment with oil at present market prices.

Its arms from the Soviet Union include MiG-21 planes and SAM missiles.

Barre will not sign any contracts during his three-day visit, aides said.

But they did not exclude the possibility that senior officials accompanying him might do so.

French officials have praised what they call Iraq's moderating rule in some Middle East problems, especially in Yemen.

French relations with Iraq, after a short period of quarrels and acrimony, are now excellent, the officials said.

Election last Sunday

Bolivia still doesn't know new leader

LA PAZ, Bolivia, July 6 (AP) — The outcome of last Sunday's presidential election remained in doubt Thursday although the latest official, partial returns gave former President Victor Paz Estenssoro a slight lead over ex-President Hernan Siles Zuazo.

Unofficial, more complete compilations by private news media continued to show Siles Zuazo the candidate with the most votes.

It appeared certain, however, that neither candidate would gain the absolute majority required for popular election and that the final decision would be made by congress when it convenes on Aug. 2. Both candidates claimed victory in statements distributed to the press by party headquarters.

The official count of 647,652

votes, one-third of the registered voters, showed Paz Estenssoro with a 0.9 per cent margin over Siles Zuazo.

Paz Estenssoro had 30.98 per cent of the votes, compared with 30.08 per cent for Siles Zuazo and 17.13 per cent for former dictator Hugo Banzer Suarez. Another five candidates trailed far behind.

The unofficial count of 67 per cent of the ballots gave Siles Zuazo the victory with 37 per cent of the votes, followed by Paz Estenssoro with 27 per cent and Banzer with 17 per cent.

Paz Estenssoro, 71-year-old head of the centrist coalition of parties called the National Revolutionary Movement, has served as president of this Andean nation three times.

Navratilova takes Wimbledon with straight sets over Evert

WIMBLEDON, July 6 (AP) — Martina Navratilova fought back Chris Evert 6-4, 6-4 Friday to win the Wimbledon tennis championship for the second year in a row. Navratilova unleashed an overpowering serve-and-volley attack to crush a listless and error-prone Evert. (See related story, Page 10)

The victory strengthens Navratilova's claim to the no. 1 ranking in women's tennis, the position Evert had held nearly unchallenged for four years — until last year.

After an indifferent winter season, Evert had seemed renewed going into the final here. She had lost just one match during the European spring circuit.

But Friday she seemed uninspired and never really was in the match.

It was a disappointment for the sellout crowd of 17,000, some of whom paid up to \$700 to scalpers for a pair of tickets.

These two top-ranking players have had a series of hard, spectacular duels. Two weeks ago Evert beat Navratilova on grass at Eastbourne 7-5, 5-7, 13-11 in a match widely held to be the best the two had ever played against each other.

Martina beat Chris in the 1978 Wimbledon final 6-4, 4-6, 9-7 to highlight a season in which she had a 44-2 match record and gained the top spot on the computer ranking list.

Evert, recognized as no. 1 by the International Tennis Federation, disputed the computer's analysis and said she believed she would prove her right to the throne in this Wimbledon final. It had been hers in 1974 and 1976.

Friday Navratilova had her unpredictable nerves in check and her play at the net was deadly. She won the first set almost effortlessly, stepping off to a quick 3-0 lead and snuffing a brief Evert rally.

Then the sturdy stylist, who defected to the United States from Czechoslovakia four years ago, threatened to turn it into a rout.

She won the first three games of the second set with the loss of only two points.



WINNER: Martina Navratilova returns a shot during quarter-final play at Wimbledon earlier this week. Friday she convincingly defeated Chris Evert, 6-4, 6-4, to take her second straight women's Wimbledon title.

Pesticide blaze forces 2,000 to flee in U.S.

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, July 6 (AP) — A mushroom cloud of toxic pesticide erupted from a burning chemical plant Thursday, forcing at least 2,000 residents from their homes and closing Mississippi River traffic.

At least 58 persons were injured — including three plant workers who suffered serious burns, officials said.

Firefighters dodged exploding 55-gallon chemical drums and battled heat and poisonous fumes for more than three hours before the fire at the Drexel Chemical Company was brought under control.

At the height of the fire, police and fire dispatchers broadcast warnings that the smoke cloud contained nerve gas, and police, firefighters and reporters at the scene were warned to stay out of the smoke. The Coast Guard blocked river traffic on the nearby Mississippi for a time as the chemical cloud moved westward.

Thirty-three people were treated for possible chemical poisoning, but none was admitted, a hospital spokeswoman said. Another 25 persons were treated for burns or smoke inhalation, including the three plant workers and six firefighters. The firefighters' injuries were not considered serious, officials said.

Civil defense dispatchers said the fumes could produce nausea, dizziness, chest and abdominal pains and other symptoms after the victim inhaled the fumes. The chemical could also produce the symptoms if it touched the skin, dispatchers warned.

Fire department officials

ordered evacuation of a five-square-mile area near the chemical plant. The plant is in an industrial area, but there are several residential areas nearby.

Robert Shockey, Drexel's president, said damage to his plant could run as high as \$3 million. He said firemen told him it might be late afternoon before the flames would be under control.

Shockey said an overheated drum of chemical pesticide was suspected of starting the fire. He said the drum exploded, setting off a chain reaction in other drums.

Drexel manufactures an organic phosphate-based pesticide.

Whale joins strange sights over Channel

PARIS, July 6 (AP) — The English Channel has had its share of unusual sky traffic this summer: humans pedaling flying machines and now a huge whale-shaped balloon.

The balloon, some 100 feet long and 30 feet wide, will leave the port of Calais, Saturday at 0700 and be towed by a boat to Dover.

It is a stunt by the Greenpeace conservation group which will take the balloon to London for the opening of the annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission.

The commission, comprised of the active whaling nations, is to study three conservation proposals.

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